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## Murderer should die in prison – mother

WHEN he was jailed for murder, gunman David Harrison was told he would probably die inside prison.

But it has been revealed is appealing against his 37-year jail sentence.

The mother of his victim has hit out, saying that being behind bars is exactly where he should be.

Harrison's appeal will be heard at the Court of Appeal in London next week.

It has emerged an appeal request against conviction has already been rejected.

Carol Deakin, mother of former Walsall skip hire firm boss and murder victim Richard, said: "They should give me the key and let me throw it in the sea. How on earth he's got the gall to ask for his sentence to be shorter is unbelievable. I think there's been enough time wasted with the trial, he's sending everyone on a fool's errand. Prison is exactly where he deserves to be. He deserves to die there."

Father-of-two Mr Deakin, aged 27, was blasted in the chest by a sawn-off shotgun as he lay in his own bed in Meadow Street, Chase-town, in July 2010. When passing sentence, Lord Justice Roderick Evans told Harrison: "The likelihood is you will die in prison."

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## Here for the festival beer

ORGANISERS have been making last-minute preparations for the 33rd Walsall beer festival which opens today (Thursday). Doors open at the Walsall Town Hall at 5pm with an official opening ceremony set for 6pm.

Friday and Saturday sessions will be from noon to 11pm. There will be more than 125 ales, ciders and perries, plus Continental bottled beers and English fruit wine. There will be a Saturday lunch-time organ recital and live music on Friday and Saturday evenings.

# JTF CHIEFS IN PLANS PLEDGE

**BOSSSES behind a new discount warehouse which will offer 30 per cent food sales, have pledged to listen to councillors after they stalled on a planning decision.**

The £1.5 million JTF discount warehouse development is earmarked for a derelict unit at Bescot Retail Park.

Walsall Council planning committee last month deferred its decision over the new JTF bulk discount goods outlet and this week bosses at the firm have pledged to work with the council to ensure the proposals are 'right'.

The venture, which had been recommended for approval, would bring 20 full-time and 40 part-time posts, but councillors say they are concerned about JTF's plan to offer 30 per cent food sales, a further announcement on the scheme is due soon.

### Discussions

Members have said they were concerned about the impact such a move would have on trade at other district centres in the borough.

They put off the decision to hold more talks with the warehouse chain.

And Ben Copithorne, of JTF's development team, said the company was pushing forward to the discussions.

He said: "We want to get this application right because it's about delivering £1.5m of investment, creating 60 new jobs and bringing a boost back to Bescot Retail Park and to Walsall as a whole."

And he added: "Planning committee members have invited us to spend more time working with the coun-

### Report by Deborah Hardiman

cil's planning officers and we'll do that before coming back to the committee."

The application was recommended for approval subject to conditions. Former Palfrey councillor Mohammed Yasin was involved setting up information events with the firm as part of a public consultation exercise. He said he was concerned that JTF may pull out of the scheme.

"This application was good investment and job opportunities for local people – I think the committee made a wise decision to defer until April."

"I hope the applicant and the council officers can work towards a pragmatic solution for the area and in the best interests of the residents of Palfrey and Delves."

The warehouse is due to take over and transform four long-standing derelict units including the old JJB outlet. There are 12 other branches across the country.

There have been 14 letters of support from residents for the application and no objections have been put forward.

Other businesses based on the retail park, in Bescot Crescent, include Matalan and Carpet Right.

## Best feet forward in memory of Kate



Friends and family of the late Kate Cleaver set off on their charity sponsored walk from Cannock to Bloxwich

FRIENDS and family of a tragic mother who died just days after marrying the love of her life have raised thousands of pounds at two events in her memory.

Kate Cleaver had her dying wish fulfilled when she married Gary Wiggins in a white wedding three days before she lost her battle with a rare and aggressive form of cancer.

And two events were held over the weekend to raise money to support the family she has left behind. More than 80 friends and family took part in a sponsored walk from Cannock to Bloxwich on Saturday – and raised £3,700.

And The Queens pub in Pelsall raised £2,250 at a family day featuring fairground rides, cake sales and a bouncy castle.

Walkers donning a variety of fancy dress costumes started out at Bar Sport in Cannock before making their way through the town centre and along the A34 Stafford Road to Bloxwich. Outfits included the 118 men and Big Bird from Sesame Street, while many others wore T-shirts with a photo of Kate.

Kate's cousin Trisha Richards, who organised the walk, said she was 'delighted' with the turnout. Mrs Rich-

ards, who runs The Victoria pub in Bloxwich, also staged a party in the evening, which was attended by older relatives who could not make the walk.

She said: "The weather was good and it was a really nice day. It was a great way to remember Kate."

The event at The Queens was organised by Leamore resident Tina Wood and the pub's landlady Janine Jeffery.

There will also be an indie rock night to remember Kate on April 18 at Bloxwich Memorial Club, in Harrison Street, Bloxwich. There will also be a raffle and auction.

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## Police on driver's trail after man dies

POLICE were still trying to track down a driver involved in a hit-and-run after a man was fatally injured while walking back from a night out with friends.

Officers were called to Watling Street near to the Parade in Brownhills at around 3.10am after the 24-year-old was hit by a car as he crossed the A5.

Jamey Coleman – known among friends as Jay C – was taken to hospital with serious injuries where he later died.

Friends rushed back to the pub after the crash to raise the alarm, while others tried to help him as he lay at the roadside.

Mr Coleman lived in Brownhills with his family.

Sergeant Paul Hughes, from the force's Collision Investigation Unit, said: "Mr Coleman had been with friends in the White Horse public house and they were crossing the A5 when he was hit by an unknown vehicle."

"This is a tragic loss of a young life, I am eager to hear from any person who was in the vicinity of the A5 near to the Junction of Watling Street at the time of this incident."

Anyone with information is urged to call the Collision Investigation Unit by calling police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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## Rate relief jobs boost

HUNDREDS of jobs could be created under a business rate relief scheme, council chiefs have said.

Around 900 firms in Walsall could benefit from moves to encourage business. A rate relief worth up to £1,000 a year to all occupied retail premises with a rateable value of £50,000 or less is being introduced.

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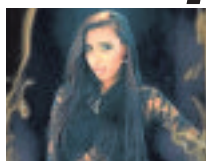
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# Beauty sets ball rolling for children



Chantelle Pooja Nahar

A FINALIST in the Miss West Midlands competition has organised a charity ball to raise money for children in developing countries. It will be held at the Iqbal Banqueting Suite in Birmingham on April 5, from 6.30pm to 11pm.

All of the money raised through ticket sales will go to the Miss World affiliated charity Beauty with a Purpose, which helps children around

the world. Chantelle Pooja Nahar, aged 22, of Margaret Road, Walsall, said: "Children are very pure and they should have a chance. No child should be neglected."

## Example

"If there is anything I can do to help a child I will do it because there's nothing they have done wrong. "They are just learning and they

learn from us so we should set an example." She added: "They are our future."

At the event there will be a fashion show, a bouncy castle, face-painting, raffles and competitions.

All ages are welcome. Tickets cost £17 on the door or £15 in advance.

To book up for the ball, visit <http://epaye.info>

# Night-out man dies in hit-and-run tragedy

A MAN in his 20s has died in a suspected hit-and-run accident while walking back from a night out with friends in Brownhills.

The victim, named locally as Jamey Coleman, was hit by a car on the A5 Watling Street at about 3.20am on Sunday. He later died in hospital.

Flowers have been left at the scene, at the junction of White Horse Road, while police have installed a sign appealing for information.

## Life saving equipment for villages

THREE communities will be equipped with potentially life-saving equipment after funding was secured

Councillor David Clift, chairman of Essington Parish Council, has helped to raised more than £3,000 to buy defibrillators for Essington, Newtown and Westcroft. The devices can be used to save people during cardiac arrest. One has already been installed inside Essington Community Centre, in Hobnock Road.

The others will be placed in public places – on Long Lane in Newtown, Staffordshire and Cannock Road in Westcroft, Wolverhampton.

The exact locations have yet to be determined.

Councillor Clift raised the money by appealing to local businesses for donations and by holding a cake sale. He said: "These devices are so important because every second counts and the quicker we can get these to people who have had a suspected heart attack the better. It's a potentially life-saving piece of equipment and it's really straightforward to use."

Councillor Clift next hopes to raise another £1,000 to pay for defibrillators for the Broad Lane and Sneyd Lane Wards.

Mr Coleman was said to have been walking with friends from the White Horse pub yards away when he was hit. The pub opens until 3am on Saturday nights for a disco.

Friends rushed back to the pub to raise the alarm, while others tried to help him as he lay at the roadside.

Mr Coleman, believed to be in his mid-20s and known as 'Jay C', lived in Brownhills with his family.

A Facebook page has been launched by the his relatives appealing for information.

It claims Mr Coleman was killed in a hit-and-run, with the message: "If your partner, son, daughter, friend, friend of friend has a smashed front end of their car please contact your local police."

## Smile

A man living near the scene of the tragedy paid tribute to Mr Coleman and said he was often seen on nights out in the area.

He said: "He went to Brownhills School, where I went, and I always used to see him around."

"He always had a smile on his face and was a cracking lad. He was always jolly. It's terrible what's happened."

One of the tributes left at the scene says: "Love and thoughts are with all that knew and loved Jay C. He will forever be remembered by all that knew him. He was a kind and loving and funny man full of energy and happiness."

## Uproar over shut-off post box



Resident Bill Richards and campaigner Wendy Collins, concerned at the post box closure

A POST box has been sealed up leaving residents scratching their heads about why it is suddenly out of use.

The box in Burns Road, Moxley, has been taped up following a decision to close the nearby post office. Residents say they are not aware of any plans to remove the box and are demanding it to be reinstated.

They claim they will be forced to cross a busy road one-mile away to get to their nearest post office in Kendrick Road.

Councillor Doug James said: "The post office has been moved to Kendrick Road. It

went out to consultation but there was no mention of moving the mail box. It has been taped up without warning."

There are around 200 houses on the Moxley estate that regularly use the post box. Councillor James said it was a blow to the area. William Richards, 72, has lived in nearby Queen Street for 52 years and said he is worried about handing over his letters to post office staff. He said: "I want them to go in a post box and then be taken straight to a sorting centre." Royal Mail said it was investigating, as a matter of urgency.

# Allotment chance for villagers unveiled

VILLAGERS may soon get their first allotments, following high demand.

Essington Parish Council says it has been inundated with requests for allotments from residents wanting to grow their own vegetables.

In response, the parish council will hold a public meeting to discuss the project, including possible sites and funding.

The meeting will be held at the Essington Community Centre, on Hobnock Road, on April 9 at 7pm.

Councillor David Clift, chairman of the parish council, said: "We have been thinking about looking into this for some time."

He added: "We are not short of land for a site in Essington and The National Lottery could fund the community project."

"The National Lottery have funded a number of projects in Essington, including The Old School Tea Rooms, which are a great success."

Anecdotal evidence suggests the number of people taking up plots and trying their hand at the healthy pastime is growing across the UK.

Anyone who is interested should call 0794753480 or email [s\\_slim@sky.com](mailto:s_slim@sky.com).

## Twitter link to meetings

LIVE updates from key decision-making Walsall Council meetings are to be released on social media.

It will provide the public with immediate information over Twitter through @walsallmeeting from its cabinet meetings, which consider key decisions.

Council leader Mike Bird said: "Cabinet is the council's key decision making body and I would like to remind people that it is a public meeting and they are always welcome to attend."

"We do realise, however, that it is not always possible for people to be there."

## Mother critical

THE mother of a schoolgirl who died when their car and a coach collided remains in a critical condition. Shelley Whale, of Pelsall, was driving when her daughter Natasha was in the rear seat and an Adams Tour coach carrying schoolchildren on February 24.



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# Anguish as mother of victim in justice call

THE mother of murder victim Richard Deakin has spoken of her anguish as a notorious criminal accused of organising the killing was acquitted.

John Anslow was cleared of Richard Deakin's murder at Woolwich Crown Court.

Police spoke of their disappointment at the verdict and revealed they are not pursuing anyone else for being involved in the killing.

Anslow, from Tipton, escaped from a prison van and fled to Northern Cyprus while on remand for a major drugs conspiracy and after being charged with murder.

He is currently serving 29 years in prison – 22 years for drugs offences and more than seven years for the escape – but was unanimously cleared by jurors of being involved in the murder.

Contract killers David Harrison, Anslow's uncle, who fired the sawn-off shotgun that killed Mr Deakin in 2010, and getaway driver Darryl Dickens were convicted in 2010 and are behind bars for life.

## Settle

But heartbroken mother Carol Deakin said she would not rest until whoever ordered her son's murder was behind bars.

"The case, speaking as Richard's mother, will never come to a close until the person that paid the money is sent to prison," she said.

"To me the person who should be behind bars is the person who actually ordered it."

"I will not settle until Richard has got the justice he deserves."

However Staffordshire Police chiefs are not continuing the investigation in the hunt for more suspects.

Anslow, 33, was sprung from a prison van by men armed with sledgehammers and a shotgun in January 2012.

He had recently been charged with Mr Deakin's murder and was on remand at HMP Hewell awaiting trial for conspiracy to supply cocaine and cannabis.

He was sentenced for the drugs charge in his absence in 2012 while still on the run.

Anslow was deported in March 2013 after being arrested in Northern Cyprus for immigration offences, before pleading guilty to conspiracy to escape last September, receiving a sentence of seven years and two months in November.

# Pain of losing son remains – four years on



Carol Deakin and son

"SOMETIMES in my head I think, he's coming home. I still can't believe it happened."

Heartbroken mother Carol Deakin still feels the pain of losing her son Richard every day.

It's been almost four years since the 27-year-old was gunned down as he lay in his bed at his Chasetown home. And distraught Carol Deakin said the moment he was killed, 8.30am on Monday, July 5, 2010, was frozen in time.

"Nobody who hasn't lived

through it knows what it's like to lose a son," she said. "Every single Monday I relive it."

"Every Sunday night, when I shut the curtains I think about what's going to happen tomorrow."

"I wake up and I live me getting up, going to work, sitting at my desk and receiving that phonecall."

"I'm just there living that moment every Monday, I have done since the day he died."

After John Anslow was found not guilty of organising the killing, the

seemingly endless quest for justice carries on for Carol.

She believes there are others behind the crime that have not been made to pay for killing her son.

## Pain

Carol said she often thinks of the killers' families and wonders how it has affected their lives.

"A friend of mine said to me, 'I can't believe you think about their family when they've caused you so much pain'. I say, at the end of the

day children are the innocent party here and they'll be brought up with no family environment, it's been taken away from them as well and that to me is very very sad."

"And whenever I see my grandchildren I think about Richard. I think about them growing up with no daddy and it's absolutely tragic."

The heartbroken mother admitted coping with the enormous grief of his death never gets easier.

And she added: "The fight for justice keeps me going, 100 per cent."

# Difficult case to crack for officers

IT was a fascinating case to crack – but also the most challenging, that many officers have ever faced.

Piecing together how John Anslow escaped from custody took time, diligence and a 'painstaking investigation'.

But immediate clues were left by Anslow when he leaped out of the prison van escorting him from prison to court in January 2012.

Cling film was found in the van cell he was in, which had been used to help conceal a mobile phone in his rectum.

Back in HMP Hewell his cell contained a Christmas card, which included clues as to his whereabouts. But Anslow evaded capture for more than a year.

As a senior officer from West Mercia Police involved in the case admitted, at first it was a minefield to piece together just how Anslow had done it.

"It's certainly the most complex and detailed investigation I've been involved in," he said.

"The senior investigator added: "It would all have involved a lot of planning and there were a lot of people to be trusted."

## Ordeal

Det Supt Scott Jones from Staffordshire Police said: "This has been a very challenging investigation which involved many months of extensive enquiries."

It also proved an ordeal to gain access to courtrooms and report on cases because Anslow was considered so dangerous.

Police ramped up security to almost unprecedented levels for cases he was connected with in the wake of his escape from prison.

For the murder trial of David Harrison and Darryl Dickens, held at Birmingham Crown Court in December 2012, armed police were scattered around the building, keeping watch for any suspicious behaviour.

And when Harrison and Dickens took to the stand, they were again surrounded by officers in court who were also on hand to protect exit doors.

The trial was held at Woolwich Crown Court, not in Birmingham where it had originally been listed, as the logistics of getting Anslow up the motorway from the capital to the second city were too complicated and laden with risks.

# Trail goes cold in search for murder case 'Mr Big'

**NO MORE suspects are being pursued for their involvement in the tragic murder of father-of-two Richard Deakin, police have revealed.**

The man who had been accused of organising the murder – 33-year-old Tipton drug lord John Anslow – was last week acquitted at Woolwich Crown Court of any involvement.

Although the case is technically not closed, officers are not actively chasing anyone else in connection with Mr Deakin's death.

He was shot as he lay in his bed in Meadway Street, Chasetown, in July 2010.

Gunman David Harrison and getaway driver Darryl Dickens, both of Bilston, were convicted for their roles in December 2012.

It is widely accepted the pair were hired to carry out the murder but the hunt for the 'Mr Big' is now over. Staffordshire Police said after Anslow's acquittal that no one else was currently being investigated.

Detective Chief Inspector Darren Harding led the murder inquiry.

"At this time, we are not pursuing anyone else in relation to this case," he said. "However, should any new lines of inquiries be established or new information received it will be followed up."

The admission potentially draws a line under one of the most shocking murders the West Midlands has witnessed in recent years. It started at around 8.30 on the morning of July 5, 2010.

## Shattered

Megan Deakin said goodbye to her beloved fiancé, who was awake and lying in bed, as she left the family home to take their two young daughters to school.

The engaged couple had just spent the weekend together at a hotel in Nottingham and returned home at 9pm the night before having picked up their daughters up from Mr Deakin's mother, Carol. Megan put the kids in the car and left.

But just a few minutes later, this picture of a happy, peaceful, idyllic family home was shattered forever. A black Vauxhall Corsa pulled up outside the house.

Witnesses had seen the car mysteriously circling the area and driving past the house, but this time it stopped and a man got out.

That man was David Harrison and he was wearing dark clothes, a black balaclava and blue latex gloves – a very forensically aware outfit lacking in unique details, an expert later said.

He opened the gate, walked to the back door, got into the house, walked to the bedroom and, with a sawn-off shotgun, opened fire. Mr Deakin, lying in bed, was shot five times, including to the chest and legs.

Harrison left the house – walking, not running – got in the Corsa and left the scene. It was carried out with the minimum of fuss and with the cold-blooded efficiency of a



Cleared – John Anslow



Uncle – David Harrison



Jailed – Darryl Dickens



Police officers at the murder scene in Meadway Street



The getaway car used in the escape from the prison van

professional. Neighbours who saw Harrison enter the home had already phoned the police, concerned at the alarming sight of a balaclava-clad man appearing in such a quiet suburban area.

Harrison was sentenced to life imprisonment, to serve a minimum of 37 years and Dickens was also sentenced to life imprisonment, to serve a minimum of 30 years.

The pair were described as 'cold blooded and calculated' by police. When sentencing Harrison and Dickens, Lord Justice Evans said: "This was a carefully planned and professionally executed contract killing. You were paid by people who are still at large. It involved people way beyond

you. How many people is difficult, almost impossible, to say." As the judge had suggested, the case wasn't over.

Anslow, who at this point was on the run in Northern Cyprus, had yet to face trial.

He was already on remand for drugs offences and was awaiting trial, but police would have to wait until earlier this month for his murder trial to get to court, a year after he was deported back to the UK. In between his return to the UK and this month's trial, Anslow had pleaded guilty to conspiring to escape from custody and been sentenced to seven years and two months. Six others, four of whom also pleaded guilty, also received lengthy sentences.

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IN case you missed the latest Met Office forecast, looking at climate in Britain until 2040, let me summarise it. Summers will be hotter, except when they are colder while winters will be milder, except when they are less mild. Even the Met Office's greatest fan, the BBC, was reduced to summing it all up with a headline to treasure: "UK's future climate to be all sorts."

GOOD to see Kermit the frog entering the debate on Scottish independence (he supports the Union). My interview with the Muppets in a Birmingham hotel many years ago was a highlight of my dazzling career. I can report that Kermit is unfailingly polite and hospitable and is quite the most intelligent, thoughtful and articulate latex amphibian I have ever interviewed.

MISS Piggy, on the other hand, is a shameless hussy who flirts outrageously with reporters and hints that there is something improper going on with Kermit. I shall never forget, as Miss Piggy alleged the couple were planning a romantic weekend, the plaintive voice of Kermit: "Do not believe her. Trust the frog."

IN his EU debate with Ukip leader Nigel Farage, the deputy prime minister Nick Clegg rattled off that the EU made us "richer, stronger, safer." Richer? EU membership actually costs us £50,000 million a year. If we are wealthier than other parts of the EU it is entirely because Britain stayed out of every Euro-zealot's dream currency, the euro. Stronger? How can any EU nation be stronger when membership depends on giving up sovereignty? Safer? Has the EU's recent meddling in Ukraine made you feel particularly safe? The EU, founded as a free-trade area, is turning into one of the most imperialist and expansionist powers this world has seen, pushing its borders and its influence right into the nose of the Russia bear and leading Britain into all sorts of risks that are none of our business. The EU actually makes us poorer, weaker and worried.

MATHS for beginners. Naughty, irresponsible Mr and Mrs Bloggs take their two children on holiday to Spain in term time. The school imposes a "fine" of £100 for each child. However, while the children are away, the school is closed for one day because the teachers are on strike. How much refund can Mr and Mrs Bloggs expect?

OH, what wicked people we are, ignoring two little girls, lost and alone in a shopping centre. Vast amounts of media coverage preceded Little Girl Lost (C5) in which the two kids, aged seven and five, were told by their mother to stand in the mall to test the reactions of passers-by. Hundreds of adults ignored the pair before one elderly lady asked if they were all right. It was promoted as a shocking indictment of modern apathy and generated lots of free publicity for C5 and the NSPCC. There was the usual crop of predictable why-oh-why columns from the usual crop of predictable female hacks. And then we saw the actual footage. The little girls were clearly in no danger. They showed no real distress. Even the dimmest passer-by could see their mother and the TV producer just a few feet away. The programme makers admitted that their camera crew was clearly visible and the TV reporter referred to the event as "a stunt." Enough said.

AS my bank scratches around for another £400 million to keep it afloat, I look at the statement on my "free for life" credit card and wonder whose life it refers to. Mine or the Co-op's?

IN the debate on the future of the BBC, Lord Grade suggests the licence might be collected as part of your council tax. Perfect. And can we put the rubbish in the wheellie bins?

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

# Firm plans expansion and jobs boost

AN AUTOMOTIVE company is planning to expand and invest millions of pounds in its plant in Darlaston, under proposals poised to create around 20 jobs.

ZF Lemforder UK, which supplies components to Jaguar Land Rover, Toyota and Aston Martin, has lodged plans to redevelop its Station Road site.

The firm plans to invest £16.5

million to improve productivity. Under the plans lodged with Walsall Council, a building described as 'no longer fit for purpose' would be demolished for an extension to provide new industrial floor space.

There would also be a reorganisation of the despatch and delivery of materials, and parking would be increased from 1434 spaces to 169.

The company said it will safe-

guard hundreds of jobs and would boost the workforce in Darlaston to more than 280. It comes after the firm secured a £2m grant from the Regional Growth Fund.

The company has plants in in Solihull and Darlaston and a report with the planning application states the scale of investment and the availability of grants has led it to review the suitability of its prem-

ises and make plans to improve efficiency. "In Solihull ZF assembles chassis systems, while in Darlaston the components for these systems are made," the report said.

"ZF is investing in new plant and machinery across the two sites. £16.5m is being invested in Darlaston. This will enable a switch of production to more technical and higher value structural products."

# Gas fitter in court over shoddy work

A GAS fitter's work was so shoddy at two fish and chip bars in that they could have exploded and potentially killed members of the public, a court was told.

Richard Stowe, pleaded guilty to three Health and Safety breaches over fryers he installed at Dukes Fish Bar in Chelmsford, Essex and Nino's in Upper Marham, near King's Lynn in Norfolk, in 2011.

Unemployed Stowe, aged 45, of Oswestry, was given a five-month prison sentence, suspended for 12 months with 240 hours unpaid work by Chelmsford Magistrates.

Stowe's firm Black Country Ranges Ltd, of Walsall, is no longer trading.

He was also ordered to pay £1,000 of the prosecution's £33,000 investigation and legal costs.

Magistrates chairman Caroline Mitchell told Stowe they had considered sending him straight to prison.

She continued: "You were driven by financial motives. This was not an isolated lapse. It's set against a prior clear warning. This is a flagrant breach." Health and Safety Executive prosecutor Matthew Taylor said Stowe was not Gas Safe registered, a legal requirement.

Sylvia Connor took on a lease for a fast food outlet in Duke Street and was converting it into a fish bar. Stowe quoted her £16,000 to install the gas fryer in May 2011. There were issues about work Stowe had done and she called in another

engineer who immediately categorised it as dangerous, said the prosecutor.

He added: "The most concerning was the gas range had to be immediately switched off and isolated from the gas supply because there were gas leaks from screw fittings and uncontrollable fires within the combustion chamber. They presented an immediate danger to persons in the vicinity and the public of the danger of an explosion."

Stowe quoted £23,000 to fit a range to Nino's Fish Bar in Squires Hill, owned by Helen and Alf Piccolo, in August 2011, the court heard. There were problems with the range and the Piccolos asked for a Gas Safe engineer to visit who found a large number of faults.

Mitigating, Sarah Read said in 2010/11 Stowe's marriage was breaking down, which might have contributed to him not being as professional as he had hoped. He was now undergoing the Gas Safe examinations.

## Game in memory of Julie

A CHARITY football match is being held in memory of the first female police officer who attended at Walsall FC games who died of cancer last month aged 56.

AFC Cambridge Swifts are hosting the game against a Walsall Legends team on April 27 at 12.30pm at the Railway Club in Walsall, in memory of Julie Skidmore, who had a 30-year career in the force.

Tickets for the match are £1 for children and £3 for adults. Organisers are appealing for donations of prizes for the raffle. Proceeds will be donated to The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity. For details email swiftsfc@gmail.com.

## Amanda's write on target



Amanda Greenwood with a script that has made it through to the final of a writing contest

A NEW comedy about the difficulties of married life has made it to the final of a play-writing competition.

Married 24 Hours penned by Great Wyrley writer Amanda Greenwood won Script Factor's regional contest and has now gone through to the all-winners' final.

The 33-year-old is studying for her masters in theatre writing, directing and performing at York University.

Whilst studying in the city she has had a play about Alzheimers Disease, called A

Day To Remember, and two short plays accepted by York's Theatre Royal.

The talented former Great Wyrley High School pupil, whose family now live in Little Bloxwich, Walsall, is thrilled by her latest success.

Amanda, who graduated in 2012 with a first-class degree in drama from Wolverhampton University, said: "I love writing and I love comedy. I'm especially delighted that I won through an audience vote. It was a brilliant evening. I loved the whole experience."

# Charity shop theft branded disgusting

BURGLARS smashed their way into a Walsall charity shop, police have revealed.

They snatched a sat nav from the St Giles Hospice shop in Digbeth, which raises money to help care for people with cancer and other serious illnesses.

Manager Tracey Taylor, who discovered the damage, said: "They smashed the window and crawled in through the panel. I think they are disgusting."

"It is bad anyway but this is a charitable cause and makes it even worse. Customers have been disgusted."

The smashed glass front door had to be replaced.

Officers are appealing for information about the burglary which took place between 3.40pm on March 22 and 8.20am last Monday.

Pc Richard Stanley, from the Walsall Investigation Team, said: "This was a particularly cruel break in as the victim being a charity shop run by volunteers."

"The St Giles Shop raises money for people suffering from cancer and other serious illnesses, we are keen to catch and prosecute the persons responsible as soon as possible."

Anyone with information should call Pc Stanley on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## Son found father dead

A CONSTRUCTION worker died in hospital after being found lifeless on his bed at his home, an inquest heard.

Ranbir Bains, 49, of Woodruff Way, Tamebridge, Walsall, was discovered by his son, the Black Country coroner sitting at the Council House, Smethwick, heard.

Senior coroner Robin Balmmain heard that Mr Bains was taken to Sandwell General Hospital where he was pronounced dead on March 20.

The inquest has been adjourned.

## Delay for drivers

MOTORISTS are facing a week of delays during water main works. Temporary traffic signals are in place at Erdington Road, Aldridge, until next Monday. Work is being carried out between Beacon Hill and Little Hardwick Road for South Staffordshire Water.

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NEWS  
in brief

**Boy gets fingers trapped in door**

A THREE-YEAR-OLD boy got his fingers stuck in a door and had to be rescued by paramedics. The youngster trapped his fingers in the front door of his parents' home in Woodruff Way, Yew Tree, Walsall. Firefighters from Walsall attended but arrived to find an ambulance crew had dealt with the situation at around 6pm last Wednesday. Ambulance Service spokesman Jamie Arrowsmith said: "We sent one crew and they managed to free the boy."

**Snowdon walkers in rescue drama**

TWO men from Walsall had to be rescued from Snowdon after a fresh fall of snow. The men, both aged 25, got into difficulty while walking on Saturday March 22.

They did not have gear such as ice axes, for the conditions and got stuck at an altitude of 2,500ft on the Crib Goch ridge.

A Sea King helicopter was unable to reach them due to cloud, so four members of Llanberis mountain rescue team attended to escort the men down.

**College selected for flower show**

WALSALL College has been selected to appear at the Chelsea Flower Show for the first time in its history.

Banana trees, mustard greens, radish, salad onion, coriander and rocket are just some of the tasty crops which are currently being grown in a polytunnel at the College's Wisemore Campus ready for the annual floral extravaganza which starts on May 20.

**Charity golf day raises thousands**

A CHARITY golf day has raised thousands of pounds for St Giles Walsall Hospice. The event, organised by Talacre Beach gold club captain Paul Riley and his wife Linda, from Bloxwich, raised £5,000.

Mrs Riley said: "We're both really pleased to have been able to show our appreciation by making this donation."

**Church spring fair**

A SPRING fair will take place at a church in Walsall on April 12.

The event at Church of Christ the King, in Rushall, will have stalls, tombolas and games from 11am to 2pm.

**Jail for addict in burglary attempt**

A DRUG addict from Walsall has been jailed for a year after he tried to break into a house.

Gavin Lancaster, of Hardy Road, Blakenall, admitted attempted burglary when he appeared at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

He was sentenced to six months in prison and was also given a further six months for breaching two suspended sentences following the attempted break-in at a house on Coronation Road in Walsall.

Miss Hannah Tildesley, prosecuting, said Lancaster was seen acting suspiciously at around 1.30pm outside the property by neighbours, and was arrested by police shortly after.

She said: "He was seen by neighbours to approach the property, open the porch door and look through the windows."

"No equipment was found on him when he was arrested by the police."

Mr Oliver Woolhouse, for Lancaster, said he had come out of custody seven days before the offence and hadn't been able to continue taking his prescription used to help get him off heroin.

He said: "He had a mad six-day period which resulted in this incident."

**Cycle ride cash boost**

PUB bosses have raised hundreds of pounds for charity with a cycle ride.

Derek Anderson and Shane Brotherton, both aged 30, collected more than £300 after completing a cycle challenge on an exercise bike to raise money for Sport Relief.

The duo, who work at The One Man and His Dog pub in Turnberry Road, Bloxwich, had planned to cycle 300 miles over 24 hours but exceeded their target and rode 417 miles. Mr Brotherton said: "I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated."

**Walk in woods**

KEEN walkers will be heading off on a seven-mile stroll of Dorridge on Sunday. The Walsall group of Ramblers will take part in the walk of woods and farmland in Hay Wood. For more information call 0121 440 7929 or visit [www.walsallramblers.co.uk](http://www.walsallramblers.co.uk) website.

**Seagal brings blues to Black Country**



Guitarist - Steven Seagal

HOLLYWOOD action movie star Steven Seagal is to return to the Black Country for two concerts with his band, it has been announced.

Steven Seagal's Blues Band will play gigs at The Robin 2 in Bilston on July 21 and 22.

The 61-year-old star, whose films include Under Siege have grossed millions of dollars since the late 80s to the present day, previously played at the club in 2007. He got his first guitar at the age of 12 and

has been playing the blues ever since including jamming with legends BB King, Bo Diddley and John Lee Hooker.

His first album, Songs from the Crystal Cave, was a top seller in Europe and included a harmonica solo by Stevie Wonder.

The star, who is also a martial arts expert, also has a collection of historical blues guitars. His band will be performing a European and UK tour this year. All of the actor's

previous shows at Robin 2 sold out. Mike Hamblett, spokesman for the Robin 2, said: "We hosted three sensational sold out shows with Steven Seagal back in 2007."

"It is obviously fantastic news that Steven requested to come back to the Robin 2 for two nights with his new all star blues band as part of a UK tour."

Most recently, Seagal, who is a personal friend of Russian President Vladimir Putin, claims he has

been misquoted in some newspaper reports as saying Putin was the world's greatest leader.

"I have never said that President Putin was the world's greatest leader, what I did say was that President Putin was one of the world's great leaders," he said in a statement on his website.

Tickets for the Bilston shows are £27.50 in advance and £30 on the door. Call the box office on 01902 401211.

**Girl robbed by man who searched in her pockets**

**AN 11-year-old girl was robbed as she walked to the shops by a man who searched through her pockets and stole £20 say police.**

The youngster was on her way to a convenience store in Moxley for her mother when a car pulled over and the driver crossed the road and rifled through her pockets. The girl was unharmed but very distressed and ran home to tell her family.

**Young stars in stripes for hospice**

UNIVERSITY students have raised £300 for a Black Country children's hospice through a striped clothes day.

The A-Team, made up of second year University of Wolverhampton students in business management, organised the event where children from Saint Luke's Primary School paid £1 to wear their pyjamas and striped costumes for the day.

Around 16 children were awarded prizes and certificates for the best costumes and striped dress. Money was raised for Acorns Children's Hospice, based in Walsall.

Miss Dipisha Patel from Acorns Children's Hospice said: "We got children engaged to raise money for other children and make them aware of how they are unable to do the normal things that these children can do. It allows them to imagine how the children at Acorns deal with things."

The project has been running for around six years as part of the Universities Entrepreneurial creativity and innovation modules and they fundraise for a different charity every time.

An investigation has been launched by police who revealed details of the attack for the first time. Police say the clue to finding the robber lies with motorists who were stuck in a traffic jam after he pulled over.

Officers say he abandoned his car, briefly blocking the busy Great Bridge Road, as he committed the crime.

Detective Constable Michelle Summers, from Walsall CID, urged anyone who may be able to help with the investigation to come forward. She said: "This is a very unusual crime and we need to hear from anyone who was in the area. The fact that it happened on a busy road at rush hour means that someone passing may well remember seeing the crime taking place."

And she said: "The man pulled over outside the Fiery Holes pub and the layout of the road, by the junction with Bull Lane, means that following traffic could not pass and had to sit in a jam whilst the offender crossed Great Bridge Road and approached the child."

Following the robbery on February 11 at 8.15am police say that the robber got back in his car, possibly a black Peugeot, and drove off in the direction of Tipton. He is described as black, aged in his late teens to early 20s, of heavy build, around 5ft 8in tall, with short facial hair. Anyone with information can call Walsall CID on 101 or Crimestoppers.

**Girls engineer a successful challenge**



Abu Bakr Girls School pupils who have recently won a Year 8 Black Country Skills Factory Inter Schools competition

ASPIRING engineers at a Walsall school are celebrating after taking first place in a factory skills competition set up to encourage more girls to choose a career in manufacturing.

Young pupils from Abu Bakr Girls School won the skills challenge event organised by Walsall Education Business Partnership.

The team of 10 were among Year 8 students from 10 other schools from across the borough to participate in the event held at Forest Arts Centre

earlier this month. The girls who attended the independent school based in Wednesbury Road, Palfrey, rose to the challenge to design and market a car fit for the 21st century using innovation, creativity, and teamwork.

Their efforts impressed the judges so much they were awarded first place.

Abu Bakr Girls School head Hasina Varachia said the competition aimed to raise awareness and motivate young girls to consider a career in manufacturing and engineering.

"Our team's ideas turned out to be the best on the day. It's the first time we've won a challenge competition of this nature, but we've previously been runners up at a similar event."

"The girls, who are aged 12 and 13, are absolutely delighted. This has given them an opportunity to shine as an independent school up against state schools. We are also very pleased for them and the achievement has been celebrated in our assembly," Mrs Varachia said.

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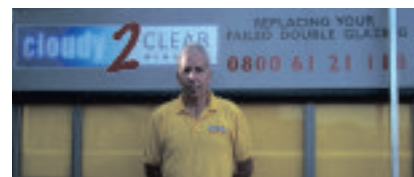
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IN MY VIEW

WITH MARK ANDREWS



JOSIE Cunningham, some people may remember, was the 'model' who received £4,800 worth of breast enhancements on the NHS, because her slim-line figure was 'ruining her life'.

Reportedly, she showed off her new profile by posing topless in a national newspaper, but I must have missed the pictures. Which is a shame really.

After all, you should never pay for something without having a good look at what you're getting for your money.

Anyway, Josie now appears to have had a change of heart. Not only is she hoping to have the operation reversed, she also says she will be suing the NHS for clinical negligence and emotional distress.

This truly is beyond parody. The latest instalment in this rather tawdry soap opera is that Josie has now become pregnant during her new career as a prostitute.

Well, I suppose you might as well put your capital to work. Perhaps she should have bought her new assets through the Enterprise Allowance Scheme.

In the meantime, an operation that would enable Staffordshire schoolboy Ben Baddeley to walk has been cancelled by the NHS due to a lack of funds.

Thankfully, Ben will get the treatment which will transform his life. Donations have poured in from the general public, including an anonymous benefactor who has stepped in to fund the bulk of the £20,000 cost of the treatment.

At the same time, former Black Country police chief Mike Collins - still working as an advanced driving examiner at the age of 82 - is collecting money to help pay for the physiotherapy Ben will need once he has had his operation.

If you are able to help, donations can be made on the website [www.justgiving.com/yimby/benpainfreeforlife2](http://www.justgiving.com/yimby/benpainfreeforlife2)

And in the meantime, maybe it is time for a long, hard look at what the National Health Service exists for.

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WHAT is the first thing that comes into your mind every time you see disgraced former Fifa chief on television?

Do you feel a sense of outrage at how this ridiculous figure has turned the world football governing body into a laughing stock while lining his own pockets? Or maybe, like me, you wonder if he is going to utter Dixon of Dock Green's catchphrase, 'evenin' all'.

In the same way that every time the director of award winning movie 12 Years a Slave appears on television, my first thought is not 'what a talented fellow this chappie is'.

But rather 'That is not Steve McQueen!'



Diana Tift, of Bloxwich, found dead on the Chase



Seven-year-old Christine Darby was killed by Morris



Morris - dubbed the Cannock Chase murderer

# On trail of Chase murderer Morris

**MARION BRENNAN** talks to one of the policemen who helped track down a notorious killer in the 1960s

**HE WAS** a keen young cadet, not long turned 17, when he 'lied' about his police experience in order to take part in one of the biggest murder hunts in British criminal history.

Rookie Pc Alan Parker was among scores of officers called to the parade room at Walsall police station on August 22, 1967, to take part in the search for local girl Christine Darby who had gone missing three days earlier.

The seven-year-old was suspected of being the latest victim of the man dubbed the Cannock Chase murderer after the bodies of six-year-old Margaret Reynolds, of Aston, and five-year-old Diana Tift from Bloxwich had been found in a shallow grave at the Staffordshire beauty spot 15 months earlier.

In the parade room that morning, anyone with less than six months' experience in the force was asked to step aside. Speaking last week in the wake of the killer's death on March 11, at his home in Marston Street, Willenhall, the grandfather-of-two recalled the moment. "I stayed where I was, even though I'd only joined the force three months before, because I badly wanted to be part of the investigation." Those on the hunt were taken to Cannock Chase in Black Marias.

"We stopped for a briefing at a big hall involving everyone on the search, including the Army. There were probably 500-600 of us. It was so packed, I listened with some others at an open window outside. There was a light aircraft and a helicopter flying low overhead. Then we set off into the densest part of the Chase. I ruined my new uniform as many others



Alan Parker, the policeman who helped track down Morris in the 1960s

did that day because under the bracken and fern was old fencing with rusty barbed wire which cut my legs and ripped my trousers.

"It was a warm day and there was a 'shirt sleeve order' on which meant officers could take off their jackets and roll their sleeves up to the elbow. I was about 100 yards from the soldier who found her body. That was it, the hunt was over." While the hunt was in progress no-one had eaten or drank anything. Mr Parker remembers officers flagging down a Banks's beer lorry and

commandeering all the soft drinks and crisps aboard. "Everything was taken but the beer. I presume the brewery was reimbursed." In fact it wasn't his first brush with the murder investigation, although he did not realise it. Some weeks earlier he was at Willenhall police station on his first posting when he came across the name of Raymond Morris.

He was working in the collators office where all crimes committed in the area were filed. Morris had been picked up in Bridgeman Street, Pleck, for indecent

exposure and when Pc Parker went to log the information in a card index file, he saw that it was his second offence. "Indecent exposure in those days was pretty rare, so two in a short time was unusual."

He brought the matter to the attention of his collator John Smith who passed the information on to Det Supt Ian Forbes, of Scotland Yard, who was leading the murder inquiry. "I had never heard of Raymond Morris before although I suspect the murder team were already on to him."

Pc Parker was also there on November 16, 1968, when Morris was arrested for Christine's murder. He was on a day off and had gone to Walsall Police Station to pick up a favourite brown corduroy jacket he had left there.

## Stomach

"As I passed the charge room, I saw two police officers holding Morris on either side by the arms. He was facing the open door and I remember his eyes appeared black, as though he was looking straight through me. I'll never forget his face. He then took a blow to the stomach and somebody slammed the door shut."

"He'd been picked up that morning, living right under our noses in a flat opposite the station in Green Lane all that time. It was a bit of a kick. But then there'd been no trouble, no reason for us to go over there. Eight police cars drove across the road to the back of his building before officers brought him out." He added: "There was real buzz around the station. People were going 'We've got him!'"

Mr Parker left the force after two years to take a job at Garrington's in Darlaston, part of GKN, where he worked until he retired. Seeing Morris's picture on the front of the Express & Star when the paper exclusively broke the news of his death brought memories flooding back to Mr Parker, now 63. "Although I didn't find Christine, I feel glad to have done my bit that day," he said.

## Poorest are paying price

IAIN Duncan Smith has promised to get to grips with Britain's benefits culture, and make sure that work pays.

Local councils across the West Midlands warn they will have to make tough decisions and cut services as they seek to balance the books.

And then, caught somewhere in the middle, are the children of some of the poorest families, according to Children's Commissioner for England Maggie Atkinson.

"The poorest families, and therefore their children, are paying the price now," she says.

"We did in-depth analysis on the welfare bill. Families, parents with children, especially where there was already economic pressure on the households, would be ill-served by the welfare reforms."

Atkinson says not only are families on low incomes being hit by cuts to social security benefits, but library closures and reductions in leisure spending are also hitting the young.

In an interview with Total Politics magazine, the commissioner says local government cuts had also hit after-school and holiday clubs for children.

Atkinson says Work and Pensions Secretary Iain Duncan Smith's welfare shake-up, part of the Government's efforts to cut the deficit and encourage people who can work to take a job, had 'not served families well'.

## Impact

"I recognise, and our assessment recognises, that for some families Universal Credit would do good, would help them to make their money go further. But even with those effects we were adamant, and I remain adamant, that the welfare reforms have not served families well."

The commissioner says the impact of the Government's austerity measures on children are not confined to the welfare reforms.

"Future generations coming down the line may well have a better time of it, but there are children now who are paying the price in England, not only for the reduction in welfare spending, but in libraries, in leisure facilities, in early intervention, in after-school clubs or holiday clubs."

"All those things have been under such pressure in local government that many of them have stopped doing them. And that isn't just an urban issue."

Atkinson is no stranger to controversy. In 2010 Denise Fergus, the mother of murdered two-year-old James Bulger, called for Atkinson to be sacked over her comments about the two boys who murdered her son. While saying the murder was 'exceptionally unpleasant', Atkinson said she thought they were too young at 10 years old to be tried for his murder.

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## Bandstand plan is a waste of time

AT A time when services are being cut, the poor are suffering to a greater degree, and housing shortages are a major issue, what is Sandwell Council aiming to do? Build two new bandstands!

Darren Cooper and Carol Hartill are ecstatic about this proposal. It is a pity that they cannot be more interested in doing something more useful.

When I was a child, having been born just off West Bromwich High Street, a trip to Dartmouth Park was always a joy. Mum and dad would take me for a row on the boating

pool, then for a candy floss in the tea rooms, and if there was a band playing, we would visit the concrete bandstand. It all made a wonderful day out. The tea rooms and bandstand went years ago, one by fire and the other by neglect.

To put a new structure in Dartmouth Park and another in Victoria Park, Tipton, would be a waste of money and effort. How long would it take for the mindless and cretinous vandals to destroy it? How long before the metal parts are stolen by tatters?

C K MILLWARD, Tipton

## Benn was a man of the people

HAD Tony Benn been Prime Minister it would have been a very different Britain today. Our railway would still be ours, our energy bills half the price and it would have been a far fairer society.

Benn came from money and was part of the titled aristocracy, but he relinquished these trappings of a privileged world to become just Tony.

His left wing politics might have seemed radical to those shuffling for titles and riches, but to the working man Tony Benn was a breath of fresh air. He was denied greatness by the narrowest of margins and the British working class has paid a very high price for that momentous mistake.

We have only to look at our utility industries the plundering of our pension funds, the social chaos in our welfare system and the privatisation agenda of our NHS to see how forward thinking he was. RIP Tony, you were a true socialist, a man of the people.

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## LETTERS to the Editor

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Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

## Touching concern for less well-off

I FEEL really touched by the Labour Party's concern for the less well-off.

Their single status from 1997 means that female cleaners can claim the same as male bin crews, back dated. One lucky lady has scooped £190,000 back pay. The Labour-run Birmingham City Council are so full of glad tidings and joy at this that they are selling off the family silver to pay the billion-pound bill of this and other cases.

Meanwhile a reader's letter points out the £125,000 legal aid bill for a foreign criminal, who also wants to sue over his 'human rights'. This is thanks to Teflon Tone et al signing us up to the Human Rights Act.

I must not forget my local council. They are so

concerned with me being overweight, that they have moved my polling station from the estate where I live to the school at the top of a steep hill. This will give me exercise I do not normally get but it is not the council's fault I cannot walk due to arthritic knees and ankles.

I now see on the Sandwell Council website, that before the 2010 Election they owed £1.452bn - £5,000 for everybody in the borough. Still this is chicken feed compared to Gordon Brown's national debt of £1trillion - £17,000 + each.

Labour have been so busy making us better off, that they have no time to support an anti-Europe vote where we are ripped off for billions.

R W WHITE, Wigmore

## Suez visit invitation

I ORGANISE return visits back to the Egyptian Canal Zone where I also served in the 1950s along with thousands of other personnel.

I know that many service people who live in your circulation area were stationed there during the trouble times of the 1950s.

Many of our service personnel died and are buried in the cemeteries that we visit: Ismailia, Fayid, Moascar and Tel-el-Kebir. I will take photos of any friends or loved ones' graves if any of your readers would like me to (complimentary).

Also if any of your readers would like to join us on our next group, on November 5 to 14, I still have a few places left.

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## 20mph limit to patience

IT'S a physics reality that a car can only travel as fast as the car in front of them, and with a 20 mph speed limit the whole of Birmingham will become a gridlocked nightmare.

What is it with Birmingham's councillors that are so anti-everybody else driving? Of course it's like parking they have their private car park hid away at the back of the council house with 24 hour security. We have bus lanes that are empty most of the time, and red zones that are just a waste of paint.

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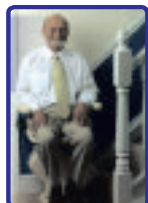
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# Revamp at post office to improve facilities

WALSALL'S main post office is getting an estimated £60,000 revamp, to change its layout and decorate the customer services area.

All the work is being carried out at night to avoid inconveniencing shoppers and businesses that use the premises in Darwall Street in the civic quarter. The internal revamp includes the building of a partition wall.

**By Deb Hardiman**

The move will create a separate financial services sales area, more office space, painting of the walls and removal of one of two counter services ticket machines.

Post Office spokesperson Cathal Worgan said: "Customers at Walsall Post Office on Darwall Street will have noticed some changes taking place over the past three weeks, as the branch has benefited from a significant investment to improve how it looks, feels and functions."

"The improvements are part of plans to create more modern retail environments for customers across our network, providing open-plan layouts and new counters fit for the future. These improvements will ensure that customers at Walsall Post Office have a brighter,

more pleasant experience when they pop by." Post Office Ltd is spending millions of pounds on improvements to its sites, including the Beechdale Post Office, in Stephenson Square and to Bloxwich Post Office.

Walsall Post Office falls within St Matthew's ward and representative Councillor Eileen Russell said: "They are spending all that money on post offices, but letters are arriving to our homes later and later. I think it's a lot of money to spend at the wrong end of the postal service."

In 2008 the Crown post office was given a major refit to cope with the influx of new customers following the closure of Delves, Dudley Fields, Rushall and Stafford Street branches.

# Trust chief in new hope for school



**New chief executive for the Grace Academy Trust Dr Jamie Clarke, former head of Sponne in Towcester**

THE new boss of a firm running a Walsall school admits it faces challenges to raise standards after it was banned from expanding by a Government minister. The Department for Education has imposed a ban on 14 organisations - including the Grace Foundation - opening new schools.

The Foundation, which runs Grace Academy in Darlaston along with sites in Coventry and Solihull, has just appointed a new chief executive officer Dr Jamie Clarke, who said improvements were already being made, but more work needed to be done.

Ofted inspectors said the Darlaston school required improvement in July, and a subsequent inspection found that some progress was being made. But inspectors also raised concerns that students made 'inadequate progress' in English. Dr Clarke said: "The trust has installed a number of measures to improve performance and I think we can look forward to more positive results in future. "When that happens I believe the restriction will then be lifted. We need to make sure that teachers are clear about the expectations we have."

The order also covers the Academy Transformation Trust, which runs the Bristnall Hall Academy in Oldbury and the Jubilee Academy in Bloxwich; and E-ACT, with sites in Reedswood and Willenhall.

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# Family's heartache of brave Kate's wedding

**IT WAS** Kate Cleaver's dying wish to marry the love of her life after she was diagnosed with a rare and aggressive form of cancer which left her with just weeks to live.

And the brave mother-of-two saw that wish granted just three days before she died.

Kate asked her family to arrange the white wedding to Gary Wiggins after she was given the devastating news.

And after doctors said her condition was deteriorating rapidly her heartbroken relatives pulled out all the stops to ensure she could have her big day. Kate, aged 29, and Gary, 32, had been together for 13 years, and on March 6, their daughter Mollie's eighth birthday, they said 'I do' in a moving ceremony at The Village Hotel in Walsall.

Arriving in a wheelchair, Kate, of Awlmaekers Grove, Leamore, got her last wish with Mollie and son Lewis, who turned 10 last Wednesday, looking on.

Her devastated mother Janet Cleaver revealed that Kate was only diagnosed with the disease last month and paid tribute to her daughter saying she had never seen anyone as strong as her. "Katie was having stomach trouble for a while, but at first the doctors thought it was symptoms of gallstones, then a bacterial infection," she said.

She was diagnosed with terminal cancer on February 13. Mrs Cleaver added: "She found a lump on her side and the nurse at the GP's referred her to the hospital. Then these lumps started to pop up all over her skin, they looked like little peas. It was a rare form of cancer and aggressive."

"She was very brave and wouldn't allow us to cry. She lived for her children and for Gary. She was wonderful



Kate on her wedding day with husband Gary and children Mollie and Lewis



The family seen on holiday before the dramatic diagnosis was made

daughter, wife and mother. The wedding was lovely. There was an ambulance on standby with a team because they were worried she would be too weak. But she was determined to say her vows despite struggling to catch her breath."

Mrs Cleaver also thanked the businesses who stepped in to help arrange the ceremony within a few weeks.

"Everyone was brilliant on the day, the hotel rolled out a red carpet, and the photographer processed the images within 24 hours so she that could see them," she said.

Katiedied on March 9 at Walsall St Giles Hospice, just 72 hours after the wedding. Around 600 mourners attended her funeral at Christ Church, Blakenall Heath on March 21.

  
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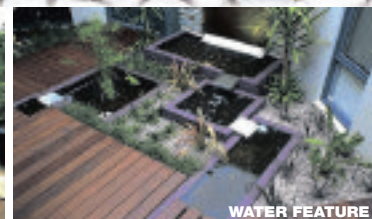
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## Artist puts leader in frame with painting

LEADER of Walsall Council Mike Bird got a huge surprise when a talented local artist presented the politician with an oil painting portrait of himself.

Retired art teacher Anthony Pitt copied the image from a photograph of the Conservative group leader which was recently published by the Express & Star as part of the evening newspaper's council budget coverage.

Mr Pitt, who actually trained as an artist at the Royal Academy School in London, explained that he enjoyed painting pictures of all sorts of people and places.

"I didn't know Councillor Bird, but I'm always looking for ideas of people to paint and when I saw the photo in the newspaper I thought I would do one of him."

"I like what I've read about him and I was pleased to meet him for the first time at the Council House which is a fine Victorian building," Mr Pitt says.

The 75-year-old taught at the old Wards Bridge School, in Wednesfield, for 30 years.

Councillor Bird was delighted to be presented the picture and had words of praise for Mr Pitt. He said: "It's an excellent painting."



Anthony Pitt, presents Walsall Council Leader Mike Bird with a portrait

## Tatter jailed after chase

A SCRAPMAN who led police on a drunken car chase with a two-foot machete in his van has been jailed for 16 months.

Kevin Hanley, aged 33, was spotted, speeding from Harden Road in Walsall onto Walker Road on January 10 this year.

He was followed by police but made numerous attempts to ram their vehicle as he sped away from a patrol car in the early hours of the morning.

Hanley's attempts to flee police were thwarted when he was Tasered having ditched his Ford Transit van.

Ms Sati Ruck, prosecuting, told Wolverhampton Crown Court: "The van made a sharp left and he was followed by police. They then activated their flashing lights. About 100 yards after they did so the van stopped but the officers were reluctant to get out because they were concerned for their safety."

"The van began to move and he was followed. He stopped for a second time but this time he tried to reverse into the police car. For the third time the van stopped and reversed at the police car to effectively ram it but this time it caused a collision. There was also a fourth occasion it reversed but on this occasion he collided with bollards."

Ms Ruck described to the court how the defendant jumped out of his vehicle and made a run for it.

"When officers searched his vehicle they found a machete with a two-foot blade," said Ms Ruck. During police interviews Hanley said he couldn't remember what had happened.

Mr Oliver Woolhouse, defending Hanley, said: "Your Honour will see the explanation for Mr Hanley having the machete. He is a 'tatter' and his van is part of his business. He has used the two foot blade as part of his work."

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she recalls. Recently she was fitted with implant-retained dentures, inspired by a newspaper article on Steven Burchell's work at the Denture Clinic.

She says: "You don't realise how having bad teeth can affect you until you have treatment like this and you get the confidence back. The whole shape of my mouth has changed. I could not have wished for better treatment. My care was first class and Steven has become like family to us."

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Poundland's Walsall team celebrates the fundraising campaign with Sharon Cottam, partnership manager at Macmillan. **FANTASTIC** employees and customers from the Poundland store in Walsall and the business' head office in Willenhall are celebrating raising a combined total of £23,662 for charity.

It was part of a fundraising effort towards Poundland's £1,035,000 total for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The teams from Walsall and Willenhall are doubly delighted with their fundraising success as it places them

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There are around 73,500 people living with or beyond cancer in the Birmingham and Black Country area, so the support and involvement of the local community has been all the more vital in helping both sites to pound the fundraising drum so successfully.

Colleagues and customers have participated in everything from a 24 hour Three Peaks Challenge, to dress-down days, charity collections and raffles, over the past five years to help push up the Mac-million pound total for Mac-

millan. They rounded the Mac-million pound celebrations off with photos amongst a huge Macmillan fundraising collection tin and giant £1 coins earlier in the week.

Gary Blakemore, Poundland Store Manager in Walsall says: "I am so proud that our store is one of the top ten fundraising stores in the whole country for Macmillan. We have really thrown ourselves into the charity fundraising as it's such a good cause that is close to many of our hearts, and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our customers for their support too."

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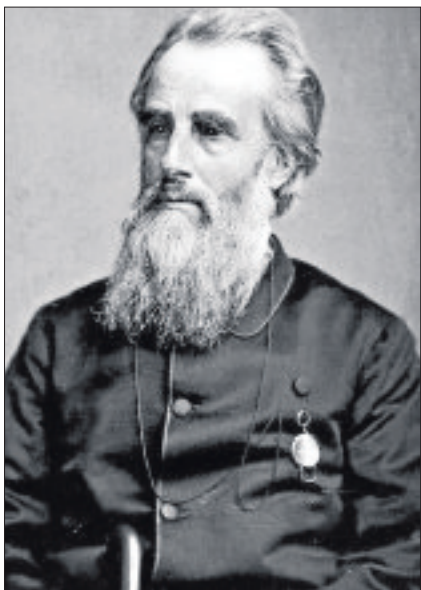
Walsall Science and Art Institute, Bradford Place, as pictured from about 1888



The Temperance Hall, Freer Street, now Debenhams, in 1930



Goodall Street Baptist Chapel, in the early 1900s, where Rev Cole was based



Rev Alfred Adolphus Cole, as seen in the late 1800s

# How Baptist minister Cole's many roles helped shape modern borough

IF you live in Walsall today, you can hardly have missed the evidence of a man whose importance to the town is still visible and significant, yet you are unlikely to have heard his name – **Alfred Adolphus Cole**.

Cole was born in Gloucestershire on November 4, 1821, and first became a Baptist Minister in Padstow, Cornwall. Later moving to West Haddon, Northamptonshire. After 12 years he moved to Walsall, where he dedicated the rest of his life to the service of its people.

Rev Cole's work centred on the Goodall Street Baptist Chapel (now demolished), on the corner of Freer Street. By the 1960s the chapel had been sold to the local Freemasons, becoming a Masonic Hall, and oddly enough it was later used as a music venue, becoming one of the first places Black Sabbath performed.

For 33 years, Rev Cole worked hard to

## MEMORY LANE by Stuart Williams

improve the lot, both spiritual and material, of both his flock and the other people of Walsall. During that time, Cole became prominent in the religious and intellectual life of the town and was beloved by his congregation.

Always supportive of any movement which aimed at the advancement of the people, he enthusiastically assisted all local intellectual and educational works. As a result he became one of the leading lights of the Walsall Literary Institute which, run by local businessman, publisher, journalist and amateur astronomer W. Henry Robinson, boasted over one thousand members by the 1890s.

Like the broad-based institute itself, Rev Cole combined his many literary interests with the other arts and sciences. He was a poet, composing many hymns. An enthu-

siastic and skilled astronomer, he built a large telescope from scratch, making every component himself, even grinding the lenses. He was also interested in geology.

An artist, he sketched, and also hand-carved the stone columns decorating the interior of his chapel.

Cole helped establish Walsall's first Free Library, opened in Goodall Street in 1859, and wholeheartedly supported the Cottage Hospital and the work of Sister Dora, her colleagues and successors, by serving on numerous Hospital Committees for 29 years.

Unsurprisingly, with all this community involvement and his other interests, Cole eventually became the prime mover behind the Walsall Science & Art Institute, the direct ancestor of the present-day Walsall College. He had encouraged the first local teaching of popular and elementary art from about 1861, in a night class held in his Chapel's schoolroom.

Retiring in 1890, Revd. Cole died on February 10, 1893, and was buried in Queen Street Cemetery, with a simple service at

Goodall Street Chapel. His funeral was attended by the great and the good of Walsall and his many friends in the town.

The Science & Art Institute gradually evolved over time, becoming 'Walsall Municipal Science & Art Institute' in 1897, and around 1908 the School of Art moved to Goodall Street, taking over the original Free Library which had been replaced by a new one in Lichfield Street.

In 1926 the old Municipal Institute was renamed Walsall Technical College, which was to be succeeded after the Second World War by a new establishment at Wisemore, later known as Walsall College of Arts & Technology, which in time rededicated the original building to the study of art and design and the practical skills of painting, decorating etc.

Revd Alfred Adolphus Cole was a man of distinction as a preacher, a man of intellect, an artist and a scientist, and a very real benefactor to the people of Walsall in so many ways. For more information online see [www.walsall.gov.uk/localhistorycentre](http://www.walsall.gov.uk/localhistorycentre)

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## Garry takes plunge to celebrate 60th



Swimmer Garry Seghers, who is carrying out another open water challenge in September for his 60th birthday

MOST people may start considering winding down when they reach their 60th birthday. But Garry Seghers will mark the occasion in September, by taking to open water as part of a relay race swim to France.

Mr Seghers, who works at STA, the world's largest swimming teaching association based in Walsall, is an open water specialist and is joining a team of six swimmers in September for the swim from Dover to Cap Gris Nez in France in aid of Diabetes UK. Each will take turns in the water and will complete around three hours of swimming each, one hour at a time.

The 59-year-old from Cannock, will have to swim in the Channel for one hour – without wearing a protective wetsuit – and will then have to sit alongside his fellow swimmers for five hours in an accompanying boat before plunging into the freezing waters again.

The challenge to swim the 22-mile stretch of water is expected to take 15 hours. Garry said: "I'm 60 this year and I wanted to do something a bit different to mark the milestone. This is ideal because it combines my love of open water swimming with a great cause." To sponsor Garry go to: [www.justgiving.com/Garry-Seghers3](http://www.justgiving.com/Garry-Seghers3).

## Near-miss drama as park swing collapses

A SCHOOLGIRL was thrown from her seat and her grandmother hurt after a playground swing collapsed, it has been revealed.

The accident happened in The Croft in Aldridge when the top bar of a set of swings fell hitting the woman while she was pushing her granddaughter. Paramedics rushed to the scene where the woman, lay on the ground.

Walsall Council is now conducting safety checks at all playground equipment across the borough after the 'freak accident' last Monday. The playground in The Croft was closed off by council staff who removed the debris of the swing.

Ivan Fisk, whose wife and son were in the park at the time, said: "The bar crashed down hitting the grandmother in the back knocking her to the ground and luckily missed the five-year-old little girl. Had this hit the lady or the child on the head it could have resulted in death. "I realise that my son could have been on that swing and the thought makes me shudder."

Walsall Council said the play area would remain closed and that safety

by Rob Gollledge

checks were regularly carried out.

Councillor Anthony Harris, portfolio holder for leisure and culture, said: "We're aware of this incident, responded immediately and made contact with the lady at the earliest opportunity. It's terribly unfortunate that this occurred in one of our play areas. As soon as we were notified, we sealed off the play area and have begun an inspection of all similar pieces of kit. The manufacturer has also been contacted."

West Midlands Ambulance Service confirmed the grandmother was treated for 'left-sided' injuries and was discharged at the scene.

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# Heading ball concern as footballer Alf succumbs

MIDLAND football legend Alf Wood is suffering from dementia, it has been revealed, reopening the debate over the health risk posed by hard leather footballs.

The striker had spells playing at Walsall and Shrewsbury Town.

He earned cult status after scoring two goals for Stafford Rangers at Wembley to win the FA Trophy against Kettering Town in 1979.

The 68-year-old grandad also played for Millwall, Middlesbrough, Hull City and Manchester City can now barely speak and has no recollection of his legendary exploits on the turf.

His wife Joan has spoken publicly about her husband's illness after the family of late West Bromwich Albion striker Jeff Astle launched a bid to find ex-professionals also suffering health problems which could be linked to heading the old style balls.

Joan, 67, lives near Walsall. She said: "I've read all the reports about the Astle family and I'm in the same boat. My husband's biggest skill was heading the ball and now he's got dementia. I'm not a neurologist so I can't say that's what caused Alf's illness."

"But, when I saw this (the Astle) case and the call for other relatives of suffering footballers to help, I knew I had to come forward."

Alf played 258 games for the Shrews netting 65 times. He made 29 appearances for the Saddlers, scoring two goals. Alf's former clubs passed on messages of support to the free-scoring striker. Walsall FC chief executive Stefan Gamble said: "As a former player and member of the Walsall FC Family, we are very sorry to hear of Alf Wood's story and the subsequent pressures that it places on those closest to him."

Last July, Alf's condition saw him move permanently into a care home.



The Rangers star kisses the FA Trophy



Alf celebrates after the milestone match



A player rushes to congratulate Alf



Alf seen when he was a hero of Stafford

Joan is now a member of a support group and her family have embarked on various hair-raising stunts to raise cash for Dementia UK.

"I never wanted him to go into a home, it was always a last resort," she said. "But he had to for his own safety and because I could no longer cope."

Alf's dementia has caused him to develop a near-crippling back injury and to lose more than three stone. Yet, despite his frailty and poor cognition, he has not lost his sporting skills. "He can still kick a ball and catch," said Joan. "The staff at the home always say they can tell he was a footballer."

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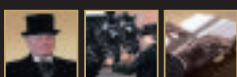
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Caelan Speed, aged four, and Kimren Rajania, three, with warden Mark Hopson with bird seed during their park visit

NURSERY pupils made the most of a park on their doorstep when they popped out of the classroom and into Walsall Arboretum.

Hydesville Tower School overlooks the Victorian park and staff often take the youngsters there.

Nursery staff took more than 20 three and four-year-olds to Hatherton Lake where they met park ranger, Mark Hopson. Children fed the ducks and were taught their names and how to identify them during the visit.

Head of nursery Samantha Smith said: "We had a wonderful time; the children were beside themselves with excitement and loved every minute."

"Walsall Arboretum is a fantastic resource and we are incredibly lucky to have it on our doorstep and Mark was a great source of information which he pitched at just the right level."

## Bridge yobs action hope as missiles are thrown

**BRICKS and stones are being hurled from a bridge on to vehicles below – sparking plans for a crackdown on yobs.**

Gangs are causing chaos on the Fordbrook railway bridge in Pelsall, damaging cars and buses and putting passers-by at risk. A fence will be built to block off the bridge, which community leaders hope will solve the problem.

Police are investigating after the spate of incidents, which has seen large dents left in cars and even smashed windscreens.

Ward councillor Garry Perry said: "There has even been damage caused to cars but ultimately one of these days it could be much more serious and there could even be a fatality."

Ranjit Kaur, the council's area manager for Brownhills, Rushall, Shelfield and Pelsall, said there was a 'continuous problem of anti-social behaviour, with young people throwing objects from the bridge onto on-coming traffic'. She added: "A number of incidents have occurred where damage has been caused to vehicles and buses."

"Already a lot of resources

by Adam Burling

and manpower has been used to try and tackle the issues. A site visit was held with contractors, partners and Sustrans, who are responsible for the bridge, to see the problems that are being experienced. A solution has been put forward that partners feel would help alleviate the problem.

"The proposal put forward was to weld mesh fence that would blend in with the surrounding area and would enclose all accesses to the side of the bridge on both sides."

Steve Wheeler, spokesman for Sustrans, said: "We are currently liaising with the police and Walsall Council over the best possible solution to this issue."



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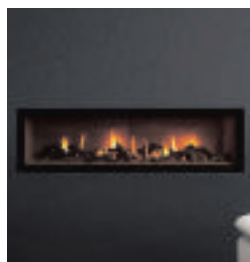
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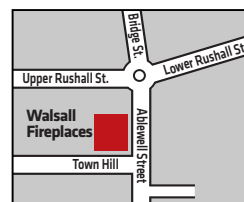
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A CARE and rehabilitation centre which was judged to be failing staff has now raised its standards, it has been revealed.

Walsall Council-run Holybank House in Willenhall, which took over services from another rehabilitation centre when it closed in 2012, was failing to comply with standards set by the Health and Social Care Act 2008, the Care Quality Commission said.

The centre was originally inspected last June and found to be failing in three areas – supporting workers, monitoring service provision and managing medicines. It was inspected again in December and deemed to still be failing in supporting workers and monitoring service provision.

Inspectors then served a warning notice on the council. Bosses have since said urgent action had been taken and that a follow-up unannounced CQC inspection on March 13, revealed the centre was now meeting required standards.

A report to councillors states: "Over the last three months the team have worked extremely hard to address a number of training needs. This has included significant work by the registered manager."

## The battle to save Willenhall's main post office has been taken to the House of Commons by veteran MP David Winnick.

The premises, in John Street, is among 70 Crown Post Office branches, or operated by Post Office Ltd, earmarked to be franchised and relocated in a shop. But campaigners want to keep the main branch.

by Deb Hardiman

The MP for Walsall North raised the issue in last week's Question Time in a debate with the Minister of State for Business, Innovation and Skills Michael Fallon.

Mr Winnick said: "Many people come to Willenhall market and frequently use the post office facilities – the post office is located in the centre of the town, opposite the police station, and is very much part of the character of Willenhall. It certainly has no shortage of customers."

Mr Fallon replied: "It is important to be clear that Willenhall is a loss-making branch." He added that a six-week public consultation would be held before a decision was taken.

Following a process of careful consideration and modelling, the Post Office does not believe that it can operate the branch profitably or sustainably. However, it does believe that another retailer in the community can do so.

"It has therefore advertised the opportunity to local businesses and retailers, and has received expressions of interest from a number of parties. It is assessing those responses to ensure that the most appropriate partner is chosen to provide access to services. However, I can reassure the honourable gentleman and his constituents that this is not a branch closure."

Mr Winnick replied: "The Minister says that it is not a closure, but it is a closure, to the extent that the existing building will close. There is no doubt about that."

"Are the views of the local community on the role that the Crown post office in Willenhall plays and has played for so many years being taken into account?"

Mr Fallon replied that a six-week public consultation will take place and issues such as access, building layout and parking will be taken into account.

## MP takes fight over post office to the Commons



Fundraiser – Renaissance Monk during the trampolining session for Sport Relief

## Pupils hit the highs for cause

MORE than 1,000 pupils from a school in Willenhall reached for the skies whilst taking part in a marathon trampoline session for Sport Relief.

Students at St Thomas More Catholic College raised £485 with a relay of young trampolinists all putting the bounce back into fundraising.

Renaissance Monk, aged 12, from Darlaston, was among the students who took part in the fundraiser.

She said: "You feel on top of the world when you go as high as you can."

School sports technician Lucy Wilks, who helped to arrange the exercise, said: "It had to be organised with almost military precision, using all four school trampolines and ensuring everyone had their turn."

The current total raised by the nationwide Sports Relief charity effort this year so far stands at over £53.3 million.

## Suspect hid from police in garden

A SUSPECT hid in a Wendy house in a failed attempt to evade pursuing police officers, a court heard. Leon Richards has now started a 23-week jail sentence.

Wolverhampton Magistrates Court was told that Richards, aged 25, overtook officers in an unmarked police car while driving at high speed along Willenhall Road at 5.20am on August 11 last year.

Richards failed to stop when police attempted to pull him over and lost control of the Renault Clio he was driving before crashing. Richards, of Weston Drive, Bilston, Wolverhampton, pleaded guilty to failing to stop after an accident, possession of a bladed article, aggravated vehicle taking, driving while disqualified, failing to stop a vehicle when required to do so and driving without insurance.

He was banned from driving for two years.

## Man in court on escape

A MAN charged with escaping lawful custody has appeared in court. Daniel Walker, who is originally from Circuit Close in Willenhall, appeared at Walsall Magistrates Court.

The 28-year-old was wanted for failing to return to Sudbury Prison after he was temporarily released. He was arrested in the Darlaston area last Monday. Walker did not enter a plea.

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## Ann's cup of cheer for ninth time

PELSALL E TG

THE Annual General Meeting on March 20 was chaired by the newly-elected treasurer Lynne Bradin.

Thank you letters from retiring committee members for the bouquets presented at the previous month's meeting were read out.

Retiring secretary Margaret Worrall gave her 20th and final report before handing the Minutes Book to new secretary Jennie Ferrington. Jennie has already been busy arranging the guild's birthday dinner in May.

Pat Heeley outlined details of planned trips and members were advised of the meals the lunch club had enjoyed and that the next venue would be Walsall College, Littleton Street West, on April 29.

Further details can be obtained from Margaret on 01922 684647.

Ann Sale was presented with the competition cup for the ninth consecutive year.

Member Hilda Craddock recently celebrated her 90th birthday which was marked by a resounding round of applause, flowers having been delivered to her on the day.

A game of bingo followed the formalities, this causing much laughter due to the inexperienced caller and indistinct number balls. The monthly raffle was won by Peggy Green.

Subject to weather conditions, the guild's small walking group continues to meet each Wednesday at 10am outside Pelsall Community Centre, and usually includes a coffee break, returning to Pelsall by 1pm.

## Valuable work of hospice underlined

BROWNHILLS TG

AT the March meeting the guild welcomed Jenny Chin from St Giles Hospice, Walsall to collect the cheque for £700 which had been raised during the previous 12 months.

Jenny outlined the valuable work which the hospice undertakes and offered all of members to have a walk around the unit to view where the monies would be spent.

The March meeting was the AGM, and the chairman reported on the guild's activities over the last 12 months. Sadly, two of the group's oldest members passed away during the year but the presence of the members will be felt for many years to come with the generous donations the guild has received. Trips have been enjoyed over the year with Bleckley Park, Kensington Palace and Severn Valley Railway to come over the coming months.

A party on the April 28 will celebrate the 85th birthday of the TG movement. On May 15, the guild will be hosting another fashion show.

To join the guild, call chairman Julia Willett on 01543 898619.



Jenny Chin, left, is handed the cheque for St Giles Hospice

## Max keen to tell castle history

AT the March meeting members and visitors were entertained by Max Kean.

His subject was Dudley Castle and after making an entrance in period costume he recounted the history of the castle and its owners through the centuries.

Starting with a wooden structure and rebuilt in stone with additions over the years. The present remains are mainly those built by John Dudley. In the 1850s the castle and grounds were the scene of spectacular en-

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tertainments and in 1937 became the home to Dudley Zoo.

The next meeting is on Monday April 7 at 7.30pm at the community centre, in High Street, Kingswinford. Ray Sturdy will present 'The Real Dad's Army'.

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## CHOICE



Kylie Minogue

**The Voice UK: The Live Final (BBC1, 7pm)**

This is it, folks. Kylie Minogue has cried all the tears that count, and will. Liam has stalled in his decision-making all that he'll be allowed – yep, they and fellow coaches Ricky Wilson and Sir Tom Jones have done everything they can to get their acts to the final. But now it's entirely out of their control, and here's where for one of them, all that hard work and emotional turmoil will pay off, as a winner is crowned. Each artist will perform a song of their choice, followed by an exclusive duet with their coach. The votes in so far will then be counted, and four will become three, as the one with the lowest score is given the elbow. Appearances from Paloma Faith and Aloe Blacc will temporarily ease the tension.

## BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast.** 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry Cooks. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **1.00** Live Davis Cup Tennis: Italy v Great Britain. **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** Film: Shrek 2. (2004) Animated adventure sequel, with the voice of Mike Myers.

**6.40 BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.

**7.00 The Voice UK: The Live Final.** After seven weeks of blind auditions, two battle shows, two knockout rounds and two live programmes, the final is here – with just four contestants remaining, all eager to be crowned winner and pick up a recording contract. Emma Willis and Marvin Humes present as Christina Maria, Jamie, Jermain and Sally perform a song of their own choice and then duet with their coaches, after which the singer with the fewest votes leaves the competition. The remaining three then get their final chance to prove they deserve the title with one more number, and while the public votes, the coaches perform together one last time. There will also be appearances from Paloma Faith and Aloe Blacc, and then it's the moment of truth for the hopefuls as they find out who has been voted The Voice UK 2014. Last in the series.

**9.05 The National Lottery Live.** I'm a Celebrity champion and former Westlife singer Kian Egan provides the music as Kate Garraway announces the results of the Lotto and the Thunderball draws.

**9.15 Casualty.** Connie, Zoe and Lily pull together to treat a father and his daughter, which proves easier said than done as the girl suffers from ADHD, while Charlie helps an old biker come to terms with his wife's dementia. Hospital drama, starring Amanda Mealing, Sunetra Sarker and Derek Thompson.

**10.05 BBC News;** Weather.

**10.25 Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, including Manchester City v Southampton and Cardiff City v Crystal Palace; National Lottery Update.

**11.50 The Football League Show.** Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from today's fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two.

**1.10** Weatherview. **1.15** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00 Film:** The Saint in London. (1939) **7.05 Film:** On Moonlight Bay. (1951) **8.40** The Living Planet. (R) **9.35** The Living Planet. (R) **10.30** Fred Dibnah's Made in Britain. (R) **11.30** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **12.00** James Martin: Home Comforts. **12.45** Live Women's International Football. England v Montenegro (Kick-off 12.55pm). **3.00 Film:** The Glass Bottom Boat. (1966) Romantic comedy, starring Doris Day and Rod Taylor. **4.45** Mountain Gorilla. (R) **5.45** Collectabots. (R)

**6.45 Flag It!** People in Colchester, Essex, bring items to be valued before selling them at auction, including a glass vase bought for £1 in a charity shop. (R)

**7.30 Dad's Army.** Mainwaring sets up an observation post in the local light house and annoys the ARP wardens by flooding the whole town with light during an air raid. (R)

**8.00 The Plantagenets.** Robert Bartlett charts the events that led to the dynasty's downfall, with four kings being violently deposed in the last century of the Plantagenets' reign. Last in the series. (R)

**9.00 Formula 1: Bahrain Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights.** Suzi Perry introduces action from the session in the third round of the season at the Bahrain International Circuit in Sakhir. Nico Rosberg qualified on pole here last year, and the Mercedes driver is expected to be among the leading contenders for maximum points after a promising start to the campaign that sees him lead the drivers' championship. With commentary by Ben Edwards and David Coulthard.

**10.15 Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle.** The comedian explores the topic of marriage in stand-up routines, interspersed with Chris Morris grilling him about his ideas and ending with a short film. Last in the series.

**10.45 QI XL.** Extended edition. Stephen Fry finds out how much Greg Proops, David O'Doherty, Reginald D Hunter and regular panellist Alan Davies know about jungles.

**11.30 Film: Welcome to Collinwood.** (2002) Five hapling crooks find their tangled personal lives getting in the way of pulling off a robbery. Crime comedy remake, starring Sam Rockwell, William H Macy and George Clooney.

**12.50 Film:** Beauty & the Briefcase. (2010) **2.15** This is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00 CITV:** Dino Dan. **6.10** Dino Dan. (R) **6.25** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.05** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Om Nom Stories. (R) **7.15** Sooty. (R) **7.30** Scrambled! **9.25** Murder She Wrote. (R) **10.20** Dinner Date. (R) **11.20** ITV News; Weather. **11.30** The Crocodile Hunter: Diaries. (R) **11.30** Film: Twins. (1988) Comedy, with Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny DeVito. **2.30** The Chase. (R) **3.30** Midlands Murders. (R) **5.30** Regional Programme; Weather. **5.40** ITV News; Weather.

**6.00 You've Been Framed! Presents.** Comedy from the mind of Harry Hill, inspired by viewers' home videos. Showcased in this edition are some of the narrator's most absurd thoughts on a variety of subjects, from the population of Gibraltar to an opinionated foetus.

**7.00 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway.** The Georgie duo go head to head in their most daring round of Ant v Dec to date as the entertainment show goes out with a bang, and Robbie Williams joins in the fun, taking part in a performance at the end of the programme. Another mystery celebrity features in the live sing-along, all the winners of Place on the Plane jet off to Florida, and a member of the studio audience plays to win the items advertised in one of last week's commercial breaks. Last in the series.

**8.25 The Cube.** A telecoms trainer and a student nurse set up to seven trials of skill, dexterity, reaction, wit and wisdom in the hope of winning a jackpot of £250,000. Phillip Schofield hosts.

**9.25 Law & Order: UK.** The hunt for the killer of a seemingly innocent family man brings Ronnie into contact with his old boss, former DI Niall Chandler, whose father is accused of the crime. (R)

**10.25 The Americans.** Claudia hands the spies two assignments – Philip is told to monitor a Soviet defector, and Elizabeth must try to get information from a naval recruit about the Connors' murders.

**11.25 ITV News;** Weather.

**11.40 Through the Keyhole.** Jonathan Ross and Denise Van Outen join Dave Berry on the panel as Keith Lemon visits three mystery homes and challenges them to guess the identities of the famous occupants.

**12.40** Jackpot247. **3.10** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

## CHANNEL 4

**6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Trans World Sport. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** The Morning Line. **10.00** Weekend Brunch – From the Grand National. **1.00** The Grand National. Live coverage of the world's most famous steeplechase at Aintree. **5.15** Fifteen to One.

**6.15 Channel 4 News.**

**6.35 Lent Diaries.** New series. In the run-up to Easter, this series of short films provides an insight into the lives of people who worship in Britain's West African churches.

**6.40 Gadget Man.** Richard Ayodea embarks on a luxury camping trip with actor Stephen Mangan, trying out the world's biggest penknife, a unique tent and the latest in virtual reality. (R)

**7.10 Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.** Coulson goes on the attack to save a gravely injured Skye by enlisting the aid of Ward's former senior officer John Garrett (guest star Bill Paxton). In the process he uncovers some shocking truths about S.H.I.E.L.D. and his own life. Clark Gregg stars in the fantasy adventure. (R)

**8.05 Hostages.** Ellen reveals to Duncan that she will not kill the president, but offers to help him obtain the bone marrow he needs to save his wife, as long as he provides something in return – a promise to protect her children. However, Nina is furious about her husband's plan and becomes determined to thwart him. Toni Collette, Dylan McDermott and Frankie Swift star in the US drama.

**9.00 Film: Colombiana.** (2011) Premiere. A 10-year-old Colombian girl witnesses the murder of her parents at the hands of gangsters, but is rescued by her uncle, who takes her to the US and raises her to be a cold-blooded killer. Years later, she is still working for him as an assassin, but is secretly planning to avenge her parents' deaths. Action thriller, starring Zoe Saldana.

**11.10 Film: The Guard.** (2011) Premiere. A laidback Irish policeman finds his simple life disrupted by a drug-smuggling operation and an uptight FBI agent. Comedy thriller, with Brendan Gleeson.

**1.05 Film:** Hard Eight. (1996) **2.45** Holyrocks. (R) **4.50** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.45** SuperScribers. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.00** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.30** The Nightmarer Neighbour Next Door. (R) **11.30** Hercules the Human Bear. (R) **12.30** Film: McBride: Anybody Here Murder Marty? (2005) Mystery, starring John Larroquette. **2.10** Film: Columbo: Mind Over Mayhem. (1974) Detective drama, with Peter Falk. **3.45** Film: Columbo: Dagger of the Mind. (1972) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk and Honor Blackman. **5.40** Film: Jesse Stone: Death in Paradise. (2006) Crime drama sequel, starring Tom Selleck.

**7.15 Longmire.** Walt and Vic are called to the scene of a barn fire that has claimed the lives of a string of prize horses and one man, believed to be breeder Ray Stewart. The evidence suggests he committed suicide after setting the building alight, but his wife Alice admits that before she met him her husband was involved with the Mob and had assumed a new identity to escape them. Crime drama, starring Robert Taylor.

**8.05 NCIS.** Tony travels to North Africa on the trail of missing agent Ziva, who is thought to have been tracking down a terrorist leader called Saleem Ulman. Intent on exacting revenge for her apparent death during a flight to Somalia, he is taken hostage by militants and discovers she is still alive – only to be given a potentially catastrophic ultimatum. Starring Mark Harmon and Cote de Pablo. (R)

**9.00 5 News Weekend.**

**9.05 Most Shocking Moments in Pop.** A countdown focusing on outrageous events and scandals from the pop world, from unbelievable antics and ferocious feuds, to break-ups, meltdowns and untimely deaths. Featuring Miley Cyrus's performance at the 2013 Video Music Awards, Britney Spears shaving her head, teen heart-throb Justin Bieber relieving himself into a bucket while at a restaurant and Kanye West storming onto the stage at the 2009 VMAs while Taylor Swift was picking up an award.

**12.00** SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **3.10** Comedy: Fleeced and Left for Broke. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.20** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Great TV Mistakes **7.30** Doctor Who **8.20** Top Gear **9.20** Film: Tropic Thunder (2008) **11.00** Family Guy **12.50** Bluestone 42 **3.50** Great TV Mistakes **4.00** Close

**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Wild Wales **8.00** Chemistry – A Volatile History **9.00** Inspector De Luca **10.50** Jet! When Britain Ruled the Skies **12.50** Top of the Pops: 1979 **1.30** Sounds of the 70s **2.00** Punk – Anarchy on the BBC **2.00** Chemistry – A Volatile History **3.00** Wild Wales **4.00** Close

**ITV2**  
**12.55** The Only Way Is Essex **2.30** You've Been Framed! **3.00** Film: Kangaroo Jack (2003) **4.45** Britain's Got More Talent: Most Amazing Moments **5.00** Film: Two Weeks Notice (2002) **7.55** Film: The Incredible Hulk (2008) **10.00** Celebrity Juice **10.50** Crazy Beaches **11.20** Film: The Faculty (1998) **1.25** Fake Reaction **2.05** Dads **2.25** You've Been Framed! **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

**ITV3**  
**12.05** Agatha Christie's Marple **2.10** Film: Out of Africa (1985) **5.20** Foyle's War **7.20** Rosemary & Thyme **8.25** Doc Martin **9.25** Joanna Lumley's Greek Odyssey **10.30** Cold Blood II **12.05** A Touch of Frost **2.05** Judge Judy **2.25** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

**ITV4**  
**3.15** British Touring Car Championship Highlights **4.50** Film: Where Eagles Dare (1969) **8.00** Ali: Still the Greatest **9.00** Film: Mars Attacks! (1996) **11.10** Film: Bowfinger (1999) **1.10** Benidorm **2.05** The Professionals **3.00** The Store

**E4**  
**2.00** The Big Bang Theory **3.00** Come Dine with Me: Made in Chelsea Special **4.00** Rude(ish) Tube **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** The Tomorrow People **9.00** Film: There's Something About Mary (1998) **11.25** Rude Tube **12.30** The Big Bang Theory **1.30** How I Met Your Mother **2.45** Broke Girls **3.10** The Cleveland Show **3.55** Made in Chelsea **4.50** Ugly Betty

**Film4**  
**1.00** Crocodile Dundee (1986) **2.50** Tea with Mussolini (1999) **5.05** Black Knight (2001) **6.55** Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (2009) **9.00** Devil (2010) Five strangers trapped in a lift realise that one of them is the Devil come to harvest souls, but do not know which one. Horror, starring Chris Messina and Bokeem Woodbine. **10.35** The Divide (2011) **12.50** The Fountain (2006) **2.50** Close

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CHOICE



**Oona Chaplin**

**The Crimson Field (BBC1, 9pm)**  
When it was first announced, the BBC's First World War season seemed to be heavy on documentaries (as you would expect) and little else. However, this new drama series should prove to be one of the highlights. It's been painstakingly researched by writer Sarah Phelps, who has aimed to bring back to life what it was like to work in and be treated at a tented field hospital near the front line in France. A superb cast, which includes Suranne Jones, Hermione Norris, Oona Chaplin and Kerry Fox, bring the characters to life. The first episode follows the fortunes of volunteer nurses Kitty, Flora and Rosalie when they meet new Sister Joan Livesey, whose modern approach ruffles a few feathers...

BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Live Davis Cup Tennis. Italy v Great Britain. **3.55** Songs of Praise. **4.30** The Boat Race. Live coverage of the 160th University Boat Race. **6.35** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **7.00** Countryfile. Tom Heap meets Princess Anne at her home, Gatcombe Park in Gloucestershire, which she runs as a working farm. The princess discusses many of the issues confronting the British countryside and gives Tom a rare glimpse into her life on the estate. Gloucestershire is also the home of presenter Ellie Harrison, who wants ideas on what to do with her more modest smallholding, and visits Kew Gardens for advice on planting native wild flowers. Including Weather for the Week Ahead. **8.00** Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce presents the first of two special editions marking the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War. She and a small group of experts travel to the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme in France, where visitors tell their family stories of the conflict, with various items helping to bring their tales to life. Objects include pictures of horses sent to war painted by a doctor serving on the frontline, bronze sculptures of troops modelled from trench clay and the belongings of a woman who treated wounded soldiers. Fiona also meets a 101-year-old lady who still remembers one of the first bombing raids on Britain, when she and her classmates hid under their school desks. **9.00** The Crimson Field. New series. Drama following the doctors, nurses and volunteers in a French First World War field hospital. A new sister's modern approach raises eyebrows. Suranne Jones stars. **10.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **10.25** Match of the Day 2. Everton v Arsenal and West Ham United v Liverpool. **11.30** The Graham Norton Show. (R) **12.15** Film: Jacknife. (1989) **1.55** Weatherview. **2.00** BBC News.

BBC2

**6.00** This Is BBC Two. **6.30** Countryfile. (R) **7.30** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.00** The Beechgrove Garden. **8.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **12.00** James Martin: Home Comforts. **10.30** Live Davis Cup Tennis. **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team. **1.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **1.45** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Huddersfield Giants v St Helens (Kick-off 2.15pm). **4.30** Live Davis Cup Tennis. Italy v Great Britain. **5.30** Flog It! **6.30** Inspire: The Olympic Journey. Magazine series presented by Gabby Logan, who meets wheelchair racing legend David Weir in Portugal as he prepares for next month's London Marathon. **7.00** Great Barrier Reef. Monty Halls explores the extraordinary ecosystem that covers an area larger than Great Britain, revealing that only seven per cent of it is coral reef. The rest is a variety of interconnected habitats, including hundreds of islands, mangrove swamps, deep-water gardens, vast sand flats, meadows of sea grass and what is said to be the world's oldest jungle. All are interconnected by a giant deep-water lagoon – and all are full of amazing wildlife. (R) **8.00** Border Country: The Story of Britain's Lost Middleland. Part two of two. Rory Stewart reveals how a thousand years after the Romans left, Britain split once again near the line of Hadrian's Wall into the kingdoms of England and Scotland. The historian examines how the borderlands became a zone of anarchy and violence. **9.00** Louis Theroux's LA Stories. Louis spends time at Los Angeles hostels that are home to sex offenders who are out on parole, and speaks to the people charged with monitoring them. Last in the series. **10.00** Formula 1: Bahrain Grand Prix Highlights. Suzi Perry presents action from the Bahrain International Circuit in Sakhir, as the drivers contested the third race of the season. **11.30** Film: Cross of Iron. (1977) A German sergeant on the Russian front in 1943 is sickened by an officer who risks men's lives for his own glory. Second World War drama, with James Coburn. **1.40** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.35** Holby City. (R) **3.35** Silk. (R) **4.35** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

**6.00** CITV: Dino Dan. **6.10** Dino Dan. (R) **6.25** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.50** Animals. (R) **7.00** Animals. (R) **7.05** Animals. (R) **7.10** Om Nom Stories. (R) **7.15** Sooty. (R) **7.30** Scrambled! **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **11.25** ITV News; Weather. **11.35** Film: Columbus: No Time to Die. (1992) **1.25** The Crocodile Hunter Diaries. (R) **1.55** Big Star's Little Star. (R) **3.00** Martin Clunes: Man to Manta. (R) **4.00** Film: For Your Eyes Only. (1981) James Bond spy thriller, starring Roger Moore. **6.20** Regional Programme; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **6.45** Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which three contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000. **7.30** Off Their Rockers. New series. Hidden-camera pranks. A trip to the vet ends in an unusual cat fight. **8.00** Endeavour. As England and Argentina kick off in the World Cup quarter-final, Oxford's streets are deserted. At an almost empty museum, Adrian Weiss, a specialist in heraldry and genealogy, is found dead – slain by a ceremonial dagger with links to 19th-century India. An entry in the visitors' book leads Morse to a girls' boarding school, where a note reading "Save Me" is mysteriously slipped into his coat pocket. Digging into the building's troubled history, he finds a connection between Weiss's untimely fate and a series of unsolved murders that occurred on the school's grounds almost 100 years earlier. 1960s-set drama, starring Shaun Evans, with Roger Allam, Anton Lesser, James Bradshaw and Abigail Thaw. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.15** Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Torvill & Dean. The ice-dancing duo discuss the challenges they have faced in life, including Christopher's separation from his mother at a young age and Jayne's struggle to start a family. (R) **11.15** The Cube. Two more contestants – Jamie from Edinburgh and Dean from Cardiff – try to complete tasks within the confines of the Cube. (R) **12.15** The Store. **2.15** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

**6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** Street Veldrome. **7.10** How I Met Your Mother. **7.35** How I Met Your Mother. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Secret Eaters. (R) **1.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.25** The Simpsons. (R) **2.55** The Simpsons. (R) **3.25** Film: Hairspray. (2007) Musical comedy. **5.40** Deal or No Deal. **6.35** Channel 4 News. **6.55** Lent Diaries. In the run-up to Easter, this series of short films provides an insight into the lives of people who worship in Britain's West African churches. **7.00** Iceman Murder Mystery. Scientists examine the preserved corpse of "Otzi", a Neolithic man found frozen in a glacier in the Alps in 1991. They hope their autopsy will teach them more about life 5,000 years ago – but have only eight hours to carry out their analysis before the body must be returned to storage to prevent decomposition. Will the experts be able to find out how he died? **8.00** Return of the Black Death: Secret History. One of the most devastating pandemics in human history, the Black Death swept through London in 1348, killing old and young, rich and poor, within days of their first symptoms. Received wisdom has long suggested the culprit was bubonic plague, spread by the fleas of infected rats. This documentary follows experts from a range of disciplines as they pick through the evidence, reveal why the disease killed on such a large scale, and discuss how it still poses a threat today. **9.00** Film: The Grey. (2011) Premiere. Eight oil rig workers end up stranded in the middle of the Alaskan tundra when the plane flying them home crashes. With limited supplies, they must make a gruelling journey across the icy wilderness to civilisation, but their situation is made more perilous when a pack of ferocious wolves begins slinking them. Adventure, starring Liam Neeson. **11.20** Film: What Lies Beneath. (2000) Supernatural thriller, starring Michelle Pfeiffer. **1.40** The Good Wife. (R) **2.25** The Hotel. (R) **3.20** Secret Removers. (R) **4.15** SuperScrimpers. (R) **4.40** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.35** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R) **5.50** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerpots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.35** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.00** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.05** Roodbarb and Custard Top. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.35** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Angelina Ballerina: The Next Steps. (R) **8.35** Mio Mao. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Super Samurai. (R) **10.35** Power Rangers Megaforce. (R) **11.10** Gibraltar: Britain in the Sun. (R) **12.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.05** Film: National Security. (2003) Action comedy, starring Martin Lawrence and Steve Zahn. **2.45** Film: Are We Done Yet? (2007) Comedy sequel, starring Ice Cube. **4.30** Film: Alpha and Omega. (2010) Premiere. Animated adventure, with the voice of Justin Long. **6.05** Film: Surf's Up. (2007) Animated comedy about a penguin who leaves his Antarctic home to surf in a prestigious tournament on a tropical island. Featuring the voices of Jeff Bridges and Shia LaBeouf. **7.45** 5 News Weekend. **7.50** Film: Ladder 49. (2004) A fireman becomes trapped in a burning building and, aware his chances of survival are slim, reflects on the events that led him to his chosen career. He recalls his rise from the station's laughing stock to a respected member of the team, and the effect his dangerous profession has had on his family. Meanwhile, his mentor is battling to get him out of the building alive. Drama, with Joaquin Phoenix, John Travolta, Jacinda Barrett and Robert Patrick. Edited for language. **10.00** Film: The Next Three Days. (2010) A professor tries to prove his imprisoned wife is innocent of murder, but when he fails, he decides to break her out instead. Drama, starring Russell Crowe. **12.25** World's Scariest Drivers. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **3.10** Gibraltar: Britain in the Sun. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.20** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** The Voice UK: The Live Final **9.05** Hair **10.05** Family Guy **10.50** American Dad! **11.35** Bad Education **12.05** Killer Magic **12.35** Impractical Jokers **1.35** Life and Death Row **3.50** Great Movie Mistakes: Revenge of the Fifth **4.00** Close **BBC Four**  
**7.00** Film: The Man Who Knew Too Much (1956) **9.00** Doris Day: Virgin Territory **10.00** Hidcode: A Garden for All Seasons **11.00** Natural World **12.00** The Wonder of Weeds **1.00** Doris Day: Virgin Territory **2.00** Hidcode: A Garden for All Seasons **3.00** Natural World **4.00** Close **ITV2**  
**12.55** You've Been Framed! **1.30** Film: Casper (1995) **3.35** Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **5.00** Film: Cats & Dogs (2001) **6.55** Film: Year One (2009) **9.00** Film: Fast & Furious (2009) **11.10** Party Wrought Around the World **12.10** Tricked: Favourite Tricks **1.10** Mom **2.00** The Vampire Diaries **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen **ITV3**  
**1.45** Rosemary & Thyme **2.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **5.55** Inspector Morse **8.00** The Zoo **9.00** Birds of a Feather **9.30** Vicious **10.05** Film: Something's Gotta Give (2003) **12.40** Cracker **1.50** Film: All Creatures Great and Small (1973) **3.15** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale **ITV4**  
**1.50** Film: The Last Sunset (1961) **4.10** Film: Night Passage (1957) **6.00** Storage Wars **8.00** Birds of a Feather **9.30** Vicious **11.10** Film: Born on the Fourth of July (1989) **2.00** I Want That Car **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** The Store **E4**  
**12.35** Revenge **1.35** Rude(ish) Tube **2.30** Come Dine with Me: Made in Chelsea Special **3.30** How I Met Your Mother **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **5.00** The Tomorrow People **6.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: Star Trek: Insurrection (1998) **10.05** Rude Tube **11.05** My Mad Fat Diary **12.10** Rules of Engagement **1.10** The Cleveland Show **2.05** Bob's Burgers **3.15** Hollyoaks **Film4**  
**1.00** Eragon (2006) **3.00** At the Earth's Core (1976) **4.50** Congo (1995) **6.55** The Company Men (2010) **9.00** Die Hard 2 (1990) A lone cop battles terrorists who have taken over an airport to force the release of a convicted drug baron. Action thriller sequel, starring Bruce Willis and Bonnie Bedelia. **11.20** Submarine (2010) **1.10** Ikuru (1952) **4.00** Close



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## Film Choices

**MONDAY**  
**Columbo: The Most Dangerous Match**, Channel 5, 3.20pm  
An American chess champion fears he is about to be beaten by a superior player from Russia, and decides the only sure-fire way he can avoid defeat is by murdering his opponent. Detective drama, starring Peter Falk, Laurence Harvey and Jack Kruschen. (1973)

**TUESDAY**  
**The Box**, BBC1, 11.20pm  
A couple are given a mysterious wooden box with a button on it and told that if they press it, they will be given a million dollars but that someone somewhere in the world will die. After pressing the button, they fear they may be the next victim when the box is passed on, and try to find out how and why this is happening. Sci-fi thriller, with Cameron Diaz and James Marsden. (2008)

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Employee of the Month**, Channel 4, 12.35am  
A lazy shelf stacker suddenly finds the motivation for hard work when he becomes smitten with a new cashier who only dates men who have been awarded employee of the month. However, he faces stiff competition for both the title and the girl in the shape of an ambitious checkout attendant. Comedy, starring Dane Cook, Dax Shepard and Jessica Simpson. (2006)



**The Box**, Tuesday, BBC1, 11.20pm

**THURSDAY**  
**The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas**, BBC2, 9pm  
Bruno, a boy in Nazi Germany, moves to the country when his father is placed in charge of a concentration camp. While exploring the woods close to the facility's boundary, he spots a Jewish youngster being held there, and the two become friends – but Bruno remains innocently oblivious to the camp's true purpose. Drama, starring David Thewlis and Jack Scanlon. (2008)

**FRIDAY**  
**The Bourne Identity**, ITV, 10.35pm  
A fishing boat crew plucks a man out of the sea with two bullet wounds in his back and a safe-deposit number sewn into his skin – but absolutely no memory of who he is or how he got there. In the search for his true identity, he is pursued by assassins – but his skill at evading them suggest his own past is far from straightforward. Thriller, starring Matt Damon. (2002)

**Shooting Dogs**, BBC2, 12.05am  
Drama set against the backdrop of the Rwandan genocide. Two Englishmen – one an idealistic teacher, the other a world-weary priest – must decide whether to flee to safety or stay and help the Tutsi refugees who have taken shelter from the Hutu in a local school. Starring John Hurt and Hugh Dancy. (2006)

## Pick of the Week

# A new take on caring upsets the old guard

When it was first announced, the BBC's First World War season seemed to be heavy on documentaries (as you would expect) and little else.

However, this new drama series should prove to be one of the highlights.

It's been painstakingly researched by writer Sarah Phelps, who has aimed to bring back to life what it was like to work in and be treated at a tented field hospital near the front line in France.

"I hope viewers get a sense of the scale of the war, and that it comes from it from a slightly different perspective," says Phelps. "Not at the Front, we are further back, but nonetheless this is where men were healed and put back together again, or not, and there's a real sense of being at the cutting edge of life and death."

The writer, who previous worked with executive producer Anne Pivovcic on an adaptation of Great Expectations, took the book The Roses of No Man's Land by Lyn MacDonald as a starting point before embarking on further reading.

"I am amazed at the stuff I never knew, especially about the medical and the surgical and the nursing aspects," she reveals.

"I found looking at contemporary photographs at the time – cameras were banned at the Front but people sneaked them through and took all sorts of pictures – they tell an incredible story."

She adds: "One of my favourite bits and the most resonant for me was an ad hoc journal that had been typed up, and it was memories of hospital..."

"This tiny little description of the sound of a young volunteer girl from a sheltered background in England, who was now standing in a tented ward somewhere in France, whisking egg whites with a fork, to feed to a man whose face had been blown off – the sound of her fork against the side of the bowl – that's an image that went like a knife into my heart."

Phelps has incorporated that story in the screenplay, and it's touching moments and details such as that which helped attract a starry cast – Suranne Jones, Hermione Norris, Oona Chaplin and Kerry Fox are among those bringing the characters to life.

"I think with casting we got some brilliant people in," explains Phelps. "Generally you watched the auditions, and you knew when that person had arrived. You know when that character is there!"

"It's really exciting when you know that right actor has arrived and is doing it right in front of you. That's a real thrill."

The first episode follows the fortunes of Kitty, Flora and Rosalie when they volunteer to work at a busy war hospital.

They face as tough a battle as the men at the Front – although their fight involves keeping soldiers alive and tending to their often terrible wounds.

By the end of the day the girls have been joined by Sister Joan Livesey, whose modern approach ruffles a few feathers...



Oona Chaplin stars in The Crimson Field, Sunday, BBC1, 9pm

## Best of the Rest

**MONDAY**  
**Undeniable**  
ITV, 9pm  
If the fact that this thriller is written by acclaimed writer Chris Lang isn't enough to make you drop what you're doing and tune in, how about the fact that the likes of renowned actors Claire Goose and Peter Firth are signed up to the leads? Yes, we thought that might get your attention. Jane Phillips (Goose) was just seven years old at the time of a brutal attack which she survived, but left her mother dead – and the killer was never found. Now, Jane is pregnant with her second child, and as she attends an antenatal clinic, she claps eyes on the man she's adamant is responsible for her mother's death. But Andrew Rawlins (Firth) is in fact a well-respected consultant oncologist and Jane has wrongly identified suspects before...

**TUESDAY**  
**The Battle for Britain's Breakfast**  
BBC2, 9pm  
In the red corner: TV-am, including the likes of Anne Diamond, Nick Owen, David Frost, Angela Rippon, Lorraine Kelly and Kay Burley; in the blue corner: the BBC's Breakfast Time, with the likes of Sue Cook, Jill Dando, Fern Britton, David Icke, Nick Ross and Jeremy Paxman. Thus the battle lines were drawn in 1983, when breakfast television rose to prominence and the two big players fought for supremacy for the best part of a decade. In this documentary, famous faces from morning TV shows past and present drop in to discuss what life was like before this time, when morning viewing choices were limited to educational shows or the test card, and after.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Ian Hislop's Olden Days – The Power of the Past in Britain**  
BBC2, 9pm  
It's no secret that we British have a long-held fascination with the past, which just means that the Beeb have even more license to throw another remarkable documentary into the schedules – and Ian Hislop's added his name to the latest films. The satirist explores our obsession with the olden days, and reveals how and why we seem to constantly hark back to the past to make sense of the present. Over the next three weeks, drawing upon the work of Britain's minstrels,

storytellers, poets, painters and architects, Ian will demonstrate how influential the olden days have always been. In the first instalment, he reveals how from 1066 to today, we've looked back to the Dark Ages, and explores various spins put on the lives of King Arthur and Alfred the Great through the ages.

**THURSDAY**  
**Digby Jones: The New Troubleshooter**  
BBC2, 8pm  
No offence to Mary 'Queen of Shops' Portas, Alex 'The Fixer' Polizzi, or Gordon Ramsay and his Kitchen Nightmares, but for many people, the ultimate TV business guru is former ICI chairman John Harvey-Jones, better known to viewers in the 1990s as The Troubleshooter. So, Digby Jones has a big job ahead of him as he takes on the mantle for this new, three-part series – but luckily his CV suggests he's the perfect person to advise struggling businesses. The first enterprise to get the benefit of his expertise is Hereford Furniture, a family-owned company which recently recorded a loss. They grant Jones access to every area of the operation over the course of five months – but will they agree with his conclusions?

**FRIDAY**  
**The Trip to Italy**  
BBC2, 10pm  
Series one of this Steve Coogan/Rob Brydon comedy travelogue was one of the most engaging shows of recent years, and this second episode, partly set at sea, is a welcome break from the road trip format. Aside from colouring in Coogan's relationship with his screen son (who's in Ibiza), we suspect all is not well with Brydon's screen wife; at least he lightens the mood with more default Tom Jones impressions. When the travelling mates aren't on a yacht with their Sloane ranger guide (Anthony Hopkins/Captain Bligh impression provided as standard), they're sampling more fine Italian cuisine while reflecting on middle age.



**The £60,000 Puppy: Cloning Man's Best Friend**  
Channel 4, 10pm  
Soam Biotech might not mean anything to you at the moment – but it soon will. That's because after viewing this programme, you're not likely to forget it in a hurry. Soam Biotech are the only company in the world with the technology to clone dogs, and Britain's most obsessive dog owners have been given the chance to 'immortalise' their canine friend free – quite a bargain, really, given that the process usually costs £60,000. Cameras follows the South Korean team as they travel our land, meeting eccentric dog lovers who can't even contemplate life without their pet. The film looks at the initial meetings throughout the cloning process, and the cutting-edge science behind it.

**Undeniable**, Monday, ITV, 9pm

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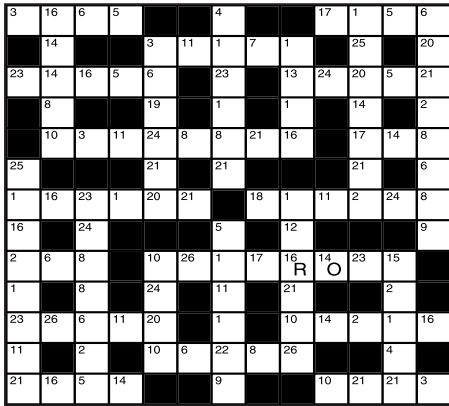
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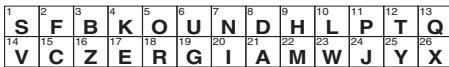


## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

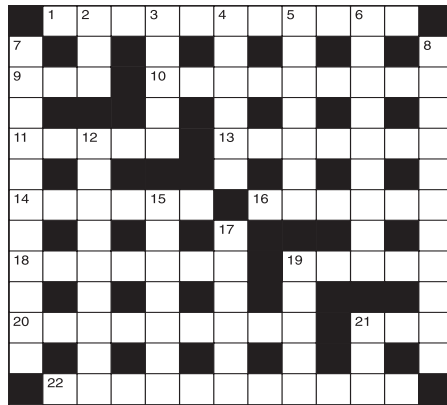
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## Across

1. Standard features of many thoroughfares (6-5)
9. Sister who stays in a singular state (3)
10. Those chosen rode with the conductor (9)
11. Insist on only what is right? (5)
13. Jack Brown's popular in Scotland (7)
14. Time when all assets were frozen (3,3)
16. Discovers Eastern secret agents (6)
18. Inane is another way of putting this (7)
19. Different names for a minister's house (5)
20. Sid cheats perhaps and is punished (9)
21. So unhealthily sounding (3)
22. No more stars for star-gazers (11)

## Down

2. Not up to 100 mph? (3)
3. Not inclined to build (5)
4. Not a musical score (6)
5. Dresses at first then grows weary (7)
6. Trying time for a beginner (9)
7. What is left (11)
8. Doggedness is derived from its presence (11)
12. They're a blend of the main races (9)
15. Proverbially it's not an indication of gold (7)
17. Time to make things palatable (6)
19. Either way, it's a mode of address (5)
20. One may be entitled to be called it (3)



## Quick Clues:

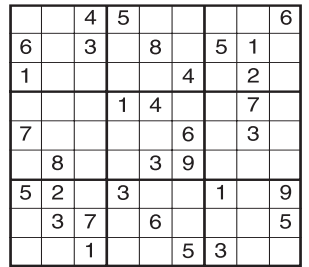
## Across

1. Ruling (11)
9. Single (3)
10. Specific (9)
11. Male duck (5)
13. Correspondence (7)
14. Lure (6)
16. Oration (6)
18. Punctuation (7)
19. Blackboard support (5)
20. Disentangle (9)
21. Colour (3)
22. Unthankfulness (11)

## Down

2. Regret (3)
3. Evade (5)
4. Deaden sound (6)
5. Unceasing (3,4)
6. Dignity (9)
7. Unfeeling (4,7)
8. Tenant (11)
12. Robot (9)
15. Bearer (7)
17. Leave (6)
19. Bring to bear (5)
21. Concealed (3)

## Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

6	2	3	1	5	9	8	4	7
1	9	8	4	2	7	3	6	5
5	4	7	8	3	6	9	1	2
3	7	2	6	1	4	5	8	9
9	6	5	2	8	3	4	7	1
8	1	4	7	9	5	6	2	3
7	5	1	9	4	8	2	3	6
2	8	9	3	6	1	7	5	4
4	3	6	5	7	2	1	9	8

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Miss; 3 Illusory; 9 Tedious; 10 Filly; 11 Disinherited; 13 Relire; 15 Accrue; 17 Empty protest; 20 Crown; 21 Incense; 22 Refusing; 23 Digs. Down: 1 Matadors; 2 Sides; 4 Lasses; 5 Unfair choice; 6 Outwear; 7 Yo-yo; 8 Corner stones; 12 Meatless; 14 Time off; 16 Option; 18 Ennui; 19 Scar. QUICK - Across: 1 Sewn; 3 Acquired; 9 Propose; 10 Defer; 11 Highland reel; 13 Refund; 15 Blithe; 17 Combinations; 20 Limbo; 21 Elector; 22 Sunshine; 23 Onus. Down: 1 Sapphire; 2 Wrong; 4 Cleans; 5 Underclothes; 6 Reflect; 7 Dare; 8 Polling booth; 12 Censures; 14 Footman; 16 Indeed; 18 Often; 19 Plus.

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Upstairs there is a galleried landing, front facing master bedroom with en-suite shower room, bedroom two, which overlooks the rear, with a built-in wardrobe and bedroom three which also overlooks the rear, bathroom with a three piece suite including a vanity style unit with an inset hand basin and cupboard below and complementary tiling.

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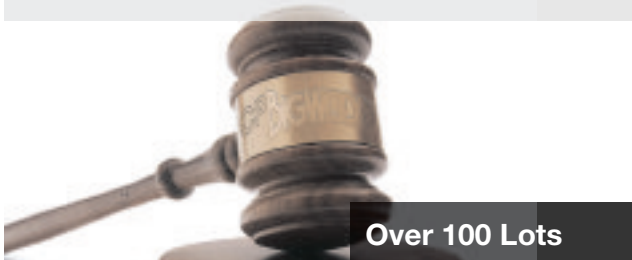
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In more detail the entrance hall has stairs to the lower level and doors to all three bedrooms and the bathroom. The master bedroom has an en-suite shower room. Bedroom two has a bay window.

The bathroom includes a double size shower cubicle and a bath. The rear garden has a paved patio area leading to a decorative gravel area. Contact Bairstow Eves on 0121 5444554 or visit [www.bairstoweves.co.uk](http://www.bairstoweves.co.uk)



# Three levels of smart living at end terrace



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- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
- Rear Gardens
- Driveway
- Garage

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- Conservatory
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- Lounge and Dining room
- Extended Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking
- Garage/carport
- Rear garden

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- Bathroom
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ESSINGTON**

- First Floor Apartment
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- Reception Hall
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Allocated Parking Space
- No Chain Available

**£114,000**



**LAKESIDE CLOSE  
WILLENHALL**

- Superb Immaculately Presented Modern Style Mid Terrace
- Spacious Lounge
- Conservatory
- Fitted Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Viewing Highly Recommended
- Rear Gardens
- Allocated Parking Space

**£97,500**



**LODGE STREET  
WILLENHALL**

- End Terraced Property
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- Lounge
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- Double Glazing
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- Rear Garden
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- Dining Area
- Fitted Kitchen
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- Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- Double Glazing
- Central Heating

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- No Chain
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- First Floor Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Rear Gardens

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**RICHARDS STREET  
DARLASTON**

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- Sitting room
- Refitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Luxury refitted shower room
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating system
- Block paved driveway
- Rear garden

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- Corner plot location
- Three double bedrooms
- Ground floor bathroom
- Large lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Garage
- Driveway
- Corner gardens

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**WYVERN CLOSE  
OFF BROAD LANE NORTH**

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- Prime Location
- Hall
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
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- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Front and rear gardens
- Garage
- Driveway

**£132,500**

**NEW** **EPC D**



**MEMORY LANE  
VICTORIA MEWS, DARLASTON**

- Immaculately Presented Modern Detached Bungalow
- Popular location
- Large lounge
- Superb refitted dining kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Impressive landscaped garden
- Conservatory
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Driveway
- Viewing highly recommended

**£159,950**

**NEW** **EPC C**



**NEWLANDS CLOSE  
WILLENHALL**

- Extended Modern Link Detached Property
- No Upward Chain
- Popular Cul De Sac Location
- Hall
- Lounge
- Family / Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
- Garage
- Driveway
- Front & Rear Gardens

**£137,500**

**NEW** **EPC D**



**WILLENHALL STREET  
DARLASTON**

- Superb Period End Terrace Property
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Large Breakfast Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Two Large Double Bedrooms
- En Suite WC
- Rear Gardens
- Allocated Parking Spaces
- Gas Central Heating System
- Double Glazing

**£110,000**

**NEW** **EPC TBC**



**BILSTON LANE  
WILLENHALL**

- Traditional Semi Detached
- Hall
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
- Large Front & Rear Gardens
- No Upward Chain

**£92,000**

**NEW** **EPC TBC**



**CHAUCER AVENUE  
SHORT HEATH**

- Semi Detached Property
- No Chain
- Convenient Location Off Poole's Lane
- Hall
- Large Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

**£89,995**

**NEW** **EPC TBC**



**JONES ROAD  
BEACON ESTATE**

- Semi Detached Property
- Popular Estate
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Utility / WC
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- No Chain

**£87,500**

**NEW** **EPC TBC**



**KINGFISHER COURT  
CLARKES LANE, WILLENHALL**

- Superb First Floor Apartment
- Hall
- Lounge with Kitchen area
- Double Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Secured Allocated Parking
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
- No Chain

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**Willenhall  
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• Three Bedroom Link-Detached  
• D.Glazing and Gas Central Heating  
• Lounge•Dining Room•Fitted Kitchen  
• Family Bathroom•Gardens

£595 PCM



**Bloxwich  
ASTBURY CLOSE**  
• Two Bedroom Terrace  
• Lounge•Fitted Kitchen  
• Family Bathroom•Gas Central Heating  
• Double Glazing•Front & Rear Gardens

£495 PCM



**Walsall  
DARTMOUTH CLOSE**  
• THREE BED TERRACE  
• D.Glazing•Lounge•Dining Room  
• Kitchen•Family Bathroom  
• Gardens•DHSS Accepted

£495 PCM



**Willenhall  
TRENTHAM AVENUE**  
• Two Bedroom Semi-Detached  
• Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating  
• Kitchen•Fitted Kitchen•DHSS Accepted  
• Bathroom•Gardens•Parking

£495 PCM



**Bloxwich  
SHREWSBURY CLOSE**  
• Three Bedroom Terrace  
• Lounge•Dining Room  
• Kitchen•Bathroom•Sorry No DHSS  
• Front & Rear Gardens

£475 PCM



**Walsall  
LORD STREET**  
• Three Bedroom Semi Detached  
• Lounge•Dining Room  
• Kitchen•Family Bathroom  
• Gardens•DHSS ACCEPTED

£475 PCM



**Walsall  
TELFORD ROAD**  
• Three Bed Terraced  
• D.Glazing•Gas Central Heating  
• Lounge•Kitchen/Diner  
• Utility•Bathroom•DHSS  
Accepted

£475 PCM



**Walsall  
ARCHER ROAD**  
• Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
• Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating  
• Lounge•Kitchen/Diner•DHSS Accepted  
• Family Bathroom•Gardens

£475 PCM



**Bloxwich  
EVESHAM CRESCENT**  
• Three Bedroom Terraced  
• Hallway•Fitted Kitchen  
• Family Bathroom•Front and Rear  
Gardens

£475 PCM



**Walker Road  
GUILD COURT**  
• Two Bedroom Apartments  
• Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen  
• Bathroom•Gas Central Heating  
• Double Glazing•Allocated Parking

£450 PCM



**Walsall  
SCHOOL LOFTS, CECIL STREET**  
• Two Bedroom Flats  
• Kitchen•Lounge/Kitchen  
• Shower Room•Electric Heating  
• Sorry No DHSS

From £460 PCM



**Walsall  
APPLEDORE ROAD**  
• Two Bedroom First Floor Flat  
• C.Heating & D.Glazing  
• Parking to Rear•Lounge/Diner  
• Kitchen•Bathroom  
• Sorry No DHSS or Pets

£450 PCM



**Walsall  
BASALT CLOSE**  
• Two Bedroom End of Terraced  
• Lounge•Fitted Kitchen  
• Bathroom•ORP  
• D.Glazing and Electric Heating  
• Sorry No DHSS

£450 PCM



**Walsall  
WENLOCK GARDENS**  
• Three Bedroom terraced property  
• Lounge•Dining Room  
• Bathroom•Front and Rear Gardens  
• DHSS Accepted

£450



**Bloxwich  
MILLFIELD AVENUE**  
• TWO BEDROOM First Floor Flat  
• Gas Central Heating•D.Glazing  
• Lounge with feature fireplace  
• Fitted Kitchen•Bathroom•DHSS

£450 PCM



**Bloxwich  
CHANTRY AVENUE**  
• Two Bedroom Semi-Detached  
• Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating  
• Lounge•Kitchen•Family Bathroom  
• Front and Rear Gardens

£450 PCM



**Walsall  
KENT STREET**  
• Three Bedroom Terrace Property  
• Double Glazing•Gas Central Heating  
• Front Reception Room•Lounge  
• Kitchen•Bathroom

£450 PCM



**Rushall  
STANIER CLOSE**  
• Two Bedroom Semi-Detached  
• Lounge•Fitted Kitchen  
• Bathroom•Heating  
• Double Glazing•Off Road Parking

£440 PCM



**Walsall  
TANNERS COURT**  
• One Bedroom apartment  
• Lounge•Kitchen  
• Parking•Electric Heating  
• Bathroom•Sorry No DHSS

£425 PCM



**Bloxwich  
SIGNAL GROVE**  
• Two Bedroom Flat  
• Lounge•Kitchen•Bathroom  
• Heating•Communal Grounds  
• Allocated Parking  
• DHSS Accepted

£425 PCM



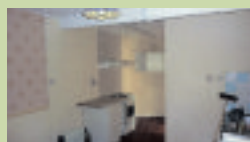
**Walsall  
LEWIS STREET**  
• Two Bedroom Terrace  
• Two Reception Rooms  
• Bathroom•Double Glazing  
• Central Heating•Rear Garden

£400 PCM



**Walsall  
BLOXWICH ROAD**  
• One & Two Bedroom Flats  
• Lounge•Kitchen•Parking  
• Gas Central Heating  
• DHSS Accepted

From £380 PCM



**Bloxwich  
THE EXCHANGE**  
• First Floor One Bedroom Flat  
• Above Retail Premises  
• Lounge•Kitchen•Shower Room  
• Seperate W.C. •DHSS Accepted

£375 PCM



**Bloxwich  
HARRISON STREET**  
• TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT  
• double glazing & gas central heating  
• Lounge•Kitchen  
• Bathroom•DHSS Accepted

£375 PCM



**Bloxwich  
HARRISON STREET**  
• Two Bedroom Flat  
• Lounge•Fitted Kitchen  
• Double Glazing•Electric heating  
• DHSS Accepted

£350 PCM



**Walsall  
MOAT ROAD**  
• Two Bed Flat above retail premises  
• Lounge•Kitchen  
• Shower Room  
• DHSS Accepted

£350 PCM

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**Charlemont Road  
West Bromwich**



- Four Bedroom Detached
- Two Garages To Side
- Spacious Rear Garden
- Energy Rating TBC, Double Glazed Conservatory

**OFFERS AROUND: £299,950**  
Viewing:

**Millers Walk  
Pelsall**



- Exceptional Detached Family Residence
- Master Bedroom With En-suite Shower Room
- Three Further Bedrooms & Family Bathroom
- Spacious Family Accommodation
- Breakfast Kitchen & Conservatory

**Viewing**



- Ground Floor Guest Wc & Utility Room
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Driveway & Double Width Garage, Two Large Reception Rooms & Study

**OFFERS AROUND: £264,950**

**Wood Common Grange  
Pelsall**



- Four Bedroom Detached Family Home
- Through Lounge & Conservatory
- Cottage Style Breakfast Kitchen
- Off Road Parking & Garage
- En-Suite To Master Bedroom

**Viewing**



- First Floor Family Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating System
- Double Glazing As Specified, Utility Room & Guest Cloakroom

**OFFERS AROUND: £245,000**

**Hirley Close  
Bilston**



- 4 Bedroom Detached Modern House
- Corner Plot and No Upward Chain
- Lounge
- Modern Fitted Kitchen/Diner

**OFFERS AROUND: £200,000**  
Viewing:

**Thursfield Road  
West Bromwich** **NEW**



- Larger Style Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Extended Breakfast Kitchen
- Energy Rating E, Through Lounge

**OFFERS AROUND: £197,950**  
Viewing:

**Hobart Drive  
South Walsall** **NEW**



- Extended Traditional Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms & Two Reception Rooms
- Contemporary Style Kitchen
- Viewing Essential To Appreciate
- En-Suite To Bedroom Two

**Viewing**



- Double Glazing As Stated
- Gas Central Heating System
- Off Road Parking & Garage, Ground Floor Shower Room & First Floor Bathroom

**OFFERS AROUND: £209,950**

**Hall Green Road  
Stone Cross** **NEW**



- Extended Semi Detached Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Extended Breakfast Kitchen
- Energy Rating TBC
- Delightful Rear Garden

**Viewing**



- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazed Windows
- Block Paved Driveway, Side Garage

**OFFERS AROUND: £165,000**

**Teme Grove  
Willenhall** **REDUCED**



- Corner Plot
- Modern 3 Bedroom Detached House
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen

**OFFERS AROUND: £165,000**  
Viewing:

**Short Street  
Willenhall** **NEW**



- 3 Bedroom Detached House
- Porch
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge

**OFFERS AROUND: £135,000**  
Viewing:

**Tiverton Drive  
West Bromwich** **NEW**



- Modern 3 Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Downstairs WC
- Lounge
- EPC TBC
- Conservatory

**Viewing**



- Modern Kitchen
- Modern Bathroom
- Central Heating and Double Glazing, Dining Room

**OFFERS AROUND: £154,950**

**Beeches Road  
Walsall** **NEW**



- Recently Renovated Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms & Refitted Bathroom
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Corner Position With Fore & Rear Garden
- Ground Floor Guest Wc

**Viewing**



- Gas Central Heating System
- Double Glazed Windows
- Off Road Parking For Several Vehicles, Contemporary Style Refitted Kitchen

**OFFERS AROUND: £130,000**

**Bentley Drive  
Walsall** **REDUCED**



- Semi Detached Property
- Modern 3 Bedroom Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Corner Position & No Chain, Kitchen & Utility Room

**OFFERS AROUND: £129,950**  
Viewing:

**Mostyn Crescent  
West Bromwich** **REDUCED**



- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Energy Rating E, Upstairs Bathroom
- Viewing Essential To Appreciate

**OFFERS AROUND: £125,950**  
Viewing:

**Hawkswell Drive  
Willenhall** **NEW**



- 2 Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility

**OFFERS AROUND: £125,000**  
Viewing:

**The Broadway  
West Bromwich** **NEW**



- Traditional Semi Detached Property
- Extended Kitchen
- Two Reception Rooms
- Energy Rating TBC, Popular Residential Location

**OFFERS AROUND: £125,000**  
Viewing:

**Oakley Avenue  
Tipton**



- semi detached
- upvc double glazing - gas central heating
- superbly presented accommodation
- epc rating, reception hall

**OFFERS AROUND: £124,950**  
Viewing:

**Water Reed Grove  
Walsall**



- Contemporary Style End Town House
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Lounge Incorporating Dining Area
- Enclosed Rear Garden, First Floor Bathroom

**OFFERS AROUND: £124,950**  
Viewing:

**Brockhurst Crescent  
Walsall**



- 75% Shared Ownership Apartment For The Over 55s
- 24/7 Concierge Service & Assistance
- On Site Restaurant, Living Spaces & Beauty Salon

**OFFERS AROUND: £104,950**  
Viewing:

**Rosemary Avenue  
Bilston** **NEW**



- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Modern Bathroom
- Viewing Essential To Appreciate
- Electric Heating

**OFFERS AROUND: £98,500**  
Viewing:

**Whitgreave Street  
West Bromwich**



- Extended semi detached
- upvc double glazing - gas central heating
- no upward chain
- epc C, reception hall

**OFFERS AROUND: £85,000**  
Viewing:

**Scott Street  
Tipton**



- Modern terrace / coach house
- Upvc double glazing - gas central heating
- No upward chain
- EPC Rating C, Reception Hall

**OFFERS AROUND: £82,500**  
Viewing:

**Isaac Walton Place  
West Bromwich**



- End terrace
- Upvc double glazing - gas central heating
- No upward chain
- Epc D, Reception hall

**OFFERS AROUND: £79,950**  
Viewing:

**David Road  
Tipton**



- Semi Detached
- Corner Position
- In need of attention
- epc, porch - reception hall

**OFFERS AROUND: £79,950**  
Viewing:

**Watson Road  
Wednesbury**



- Surprisingly Spacious 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- In Need of Modernisation

**OFFERS AROUND: £79,950**  
Viewing:

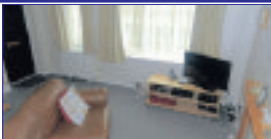
**Pimpnrel Drive  
Tame Bridge**



- One Bedroom House
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Re-Fitted First Floor Bathroom
- Viewing Essential To Appreciate
- Electric Heating

**Viewing**

**Manifold Way  
Wednesbury**



- Off Road Parking
- Fore Garden
- Contemporary Style Throughout, Double Glazed As Stated

**OFFERS AROUND: £76,950**

**Toll End Road  
Tipton**



- A 2 Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
- No Upward Chain
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- EPC Rating C, Reception Hall

**OFFERS AROUND: £66,950**  
Viewing:

**Toll End Road  
Tipton**



- modern purpose built first floor apartment
- upvc double glazing
- gas central heating
- epc rating B, reception hall

**OFFERS AROUND: £59,950**  
Viewing:

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**NEW** £650 pcm

**Dumblederry Lane**

- A well maintained 3 bed semi detached
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen/diner with cooker
- Upstairs bathroom with shower over the bath
- Guest WC and conservatory
- Driveway and rear garden EPC rating E

**NEW** £550 pcm

**Vincent Street**

- A re-furnished 3 bed mid terrace
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- New fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Upstairs guest shower room
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing

**NEW** £525 pcm

**Foster Street**

- A fully re-furnished 3 bed mid terrace
- 2 spacious through lounge
- New fitted kitchen with cooker
- Stylish downstairs bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

**NEW** £525 pcm

**Greadier Street**

- A well presented 3 bed semi detached property
- 1 spacious through lounge
- Fitted kitchen with side utility area
- New upstairs bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating throughout
- Driveway, Guest WC, DSS accepted

**NEW** £500 pcm

**Badgers Court**

- A modern 2 bed 2nd floor apartment
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with integral appliances
- Stylish family bathroom with shower
- Double Glazing throughout
- Secure allocated parking space

**NEW** £450 pcm

**Hollyhedge Lane**

- A re-decorated 3 bed mid terrace property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen
- New downstairs bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Rear garden

**NEW** £395 pcm

**Walsall Street**

- A 2 bed 1st floor apartment
- Open planned lounge and kitchen
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Family bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Parking space DSS accepted

**NEW** £375 pcm

**Prince Street**

- A well presented 2 bed mid terrace property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Downstairs bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating throughout
- DSS accepted

£795 pcm

**Follyhouse Lane**

- An extended 4 bed semi detached property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- 2 family bathrooms both with showers
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Driveway and rear garden EPC rating D

£795 pcm

**Mandeville Gardens**

- A modern 4 bed detached property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen/diner with cooker
- Upstairs family bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Driveway, Guest WC and rear garden

£695 pcm

**Vinvent Street**

- A well presented 4 bed detached bungalow
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- 2 family bathroom 1 with a shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Enclosed rear garden

£650 pcm

**Asterway, Tamebridge**

- Bed modern detached property
- Spacious open plan lounge/dining
- Fitted Kitchen with cooker
- Master en-suite and WC
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Garage, Driveway EPC rating C

£600 pcm

**Stanley Road**

- An extended 3 bed semi detached property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Upstairs family bathroom with shower
- 3rd reception/4th bedroom
- Driveway, guest shower room EPC rating C

£575 pcm

**Follyhouse Lane**

- A fully re-furnished 3 bed semi
- 1 spacious reception room
- New fitted kitchen/diner with cooker
- New upstairs bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Rear garden and Driveway EPC rating E

£575 pcm

**Slaney Road**

- A modernised 4 bed mid terrace
- Through lounge and rear reception
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central heating throughout
- DSS accepted EPC rating D

£550 pcm

**Broadstone Avenue**

- A fully re-furnished 2 bed apartment
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Pleasant bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Ground floor

£550 pcm

**Shortlands Lane**

- A traditional 3 bed semi detached
- Spacious living room
- Good size modern kitchen / diner
- Pleasant upstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Enclosed rear garden and driveway

£550 pcm

**Old Masters Close**

- A modern 3 bed semi detached property
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen/diner with cooker
- Stylish upstairs family bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Parking, Garage EPC rating D

£495 pcm

**Lumley Road**

- A well presented 2 bed mid terrace property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with utility area
- Stylish upstairs bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating throughout
- Enclosed rear garden

£475 pcm

**Weston Street**

- A re-decorated 3 bed mid terrace
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted EPC rating D

£475 pcm

**Bloxwich Road**

- A well presented 2 bed 1st floor apartment
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen / diner
- Pleasant bathroom with separate WC
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Parking space DSS accepted EPC rating D

£450 pcm

**Darlaston Road**

- A traditional 3 bed end terrace property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

£450 pcm

**Whitehall Road**

- A traditional 2 bed end terrace property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

£450 pcm

**Wolverhampton Road**

- A re-furnished 2 bed end terrace
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- New fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted EPC rating E

£425 pcm

**Stroud Avenue**

- A choice of three 2 bed apartments
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Pleasant bathroom with separate WC
- Double Glazing throughout
- Viewing essential EPC rating F

£375 pcm

**Stafford Street**

- A re-furnished 1 bed 2nd floor apartment
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with some appliances
- New bathroom with shower
- Double Glazing throughout
- DSS accepted EPC rating E

£350 pcm

**Ablewell Street, Walsall**

- A 2 bed 1st floor apartment
- 1 spacious living room
- Modern fitted Kitchen
- Pleasant family bathroom
- Town Centre Location
- Gas Central Heating

£350 pcm

**The Shambles**

- A recently re-furnished 1 bed apartment
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Pleasant bathroom with shower cubicle
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted EPC rating C

£300 pcm

**The Shambles**

- A well presented 1st floor studio apartment
- Open planned living and kitchen area
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Pleasant bathroom with shower cubicle
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted EPC rating C

£475 pcm

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**Dandys Walk**

- A well presented 2 bed mid terrace property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Upstairs family bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Driveway, DSS accepted EPC rating E

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**CHAUCER AVE, WILLENHALL**  
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£89,995



**VICTORIA ST, WILLENHALL**  
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£89,995



**STEPHENSON AVE, BEECHDALE**  
~~REDUCED~~  
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# New Verso MPV from Toyota is on line to do much better

By Matt Kimberley

**Sometimes the biggest obstacle you can face is the simple fact that you're not a trendier something else.**

The Voice flopped because it wasn't The X Factor. The motoring show Fifth Gear flopped because it wasn't Top Gear. And the Toyota Verso MPV... well, let's just compare its 3,000 UK sales last year with the Nissan Qashqai crossover's 50,000.

Ultimately they're a similar size, with similar driving positions and similar engines, so it's no wonder Toyota has been scratching its metaphorical head.

The problem was judged to be the lack of an eco-bananas 1.6-litre diesel, so thanks to a new partnership with BMW, that's changed.

The 2014 Verso has a host of small detail changes and quality improvements.

That's all well and good, and while the cabin still feels distinctly Toyota the real meat of the new model is its engine, and what Toyota has done to it.

The 1.6-litre four-cylinder diesel has been pinched from the Mini, where it has been reliable enough to catch Toyota's eye.

## Refining

The Verso is a heavier car though, so rather than try to change its power delivery, the firm has focused on refining it; making it as useful in day-to-day driving as possible.

And they've done a remarkably good job. Toyota's engine mounts are different, designed to absorb more of the compact diesel's vibrations and prevent them from reaching the driver and passengers.

As long as your hands aren't resting on the interior trim, vibrations are almost undetectable.

This distillation extends to the stop-start system, which uses an uprated starter motor to kick the engine into life. This kind of stop-start process can rattle your fillings out if it's badly set up, so Toyota, believing that the Verso will spend most of its life in traffic, has smoothed out the restart into a buttery-smooth process that offers all the disturbance of a passing moth.

## Comfortable

From the driver's seat, there's more to appreciate, from the myriad storage compartments to the near-ideal driving position.

The seats themselves are flat-based and offer little in the way of lateral support, but for gentle cruising they are comfortable.

There's also a good view out of the Toyota Verso in all directions.

On paper the borrowed engine looks a little feeble next to the competition, but the reality belies the numbers. The Verso never really feels out of its depth and pulls strongly through the gears with two people and luggage on board. It's quiet below 2,500rpm, but a boot-full of throttle will see it get a little rowdy.

The middle row of seats is mightily spacious, with child seat attachment points on the outer two perches. The third, fold-away row is definitely for occasional use only, but as kids always seem to travel with friends, it might come in very handy.

A perennially comfortable ride seems to sum the Verso up. It's not a new-fangled exciting crossover and it makes no pretence to dynamism.

But it's well thought-out by people who know how to make a great everyday family car, and the new engine is a perfect fit.

It deserves to do much better this year.

## TESTED

**Model:** Toyota Verso 1.6 D-4D Excel, price circa £22,500 (TBC).

**Engine:** 1.6-litre turbocharged four-cylinder diesel producing 110bhp and 199lb.ft.

**Transmission:** Six-speed manual gearbox driving the front wheels.

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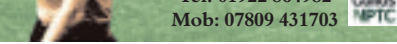
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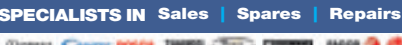
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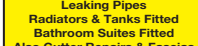
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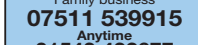
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**Lichfield & Walsall District Football League Cup Final**

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## Wolves are outfoxed by Leicester

**Wolves U-21s 0 Leicester's U-21s 1**  
WOLVES Under-21s were second best to Leicester's lively youngsters for long periods before a late rally at Molineux last night.

Leicester had the better of the play with the only surprise being that it took until the 55th minute to score, with Harry Panayiotou bagging the winner.

Jamie O'Hara got another run-out in front of 230 people but it was a disappointing night for the youngsters.

Wolves' only threats of the first half came from midfielder Tim Jakobsson, who was playing left-back. The Swede headed straight at keeper Adam Smith on 35 from Robbie Parry's cross then sliced well wide three minutes later.

Watson fired first time straight at Jon Platt from a pull-back from Tom Hopper. Wolves had a rare opening on 50 when Sam Whittall's shot deflected wide off Kennedy.

## FA taken to task on shirts

THE Football Association has been forced to defend themselves after the new England shirts went on sale for an eye-watering £90.

Shadow Sports Minister Clive Efford hit out at the pricing, saying it was "disappointing" while Stan Collymore and Joey Barton called it "a joke". The most expensive Nike "match shirts" will be identical to the ones worn at this summer's World Cup finals while the cheaper replica ones will cost 'just' £60. The FA said it avoids any involvement with kit manufacturers on pricing. The £90 shirts have enhanced "cooling technology", say Nike.

# Wood just fail in cracker of a cup tie

**Walsall Senior Cup quarter-final.**

**Walsall Wood 2 Tividale 3(AET)**

MIDLAND Alliance leaders Tividale fought their way through to a home semi-final with Rushall Olympic with a Matt Martin winner in the 19th minute of extra time to just edge out a spirited Walsall Wood in a cracking two hours of football.

Wood had the first real chance when a left wing corner was only half cleared to Max Black, whose cheeky chip was inches over the bar. From the goal kick Shawn Boothe got in a back-header towards his own goal that was collected at pace by Ashley Jackson. Wood skipper Lee Stretton raced back to put the ball behind for a corner that was easily cleared. On 26 minutes a long ball over the top of the Wood defence was collected by Brett Clark. He looked offside but play was waved on and Wood keeper

### Football

Rajaan Gill raced from his line to kick clear. Then on 35 minutes Clark powered a header well wide from a free kick delivered to the far post.

Wood's reply was immediate. Craig Hancock was fouled just outside the left edge of the box. Joey Butlin's free kick was fired into the wall but went straight back to him, this time the ball deflected back off the wall to Harry Harris. His first time low drive bought a great save from Dale keeper Jack Hayfield.

The last action of the half saw Black hit a lovely 60 yard left to right crossfield ball to pick out Lewis Taylor Boyce. He cut into the right of the box and his low drive was finger tipped round the far post by Hay-

field. The corner was flicked across the face of goal with Stretton inches away at the far post from breaking the deadlock.

On 51 minutes Wood got a free kick when keeper Hayfield picked up a back pass. Butlin touched the ball to Harris but his low drive was blocked. Both sides had chances to score but on 68 minutes Sam Williams cut in from right and flashed a low cross across the face of the six yard box and Luke Male fired home from close range to break the deadlock.

It stung Wood into action and after being denied on a couple of occasions they equalised through Butlin, a crisp low drive.

Two minutes later Garfield Robinson restored Tividale's lead but two minutes after that Butlin's powerful free kick deflected off the wall and past the stranded Hayfield for a second equaliser. In the dying minutes of

the second half Gill race from his line to kick clear before he made a tremendous save. Both teams had chances to score in extra time but it was not until the second period of it that Tividale made vital strike when Jackson collected the ball on halfway nad his clever ball through the Wood defence was collected at pace by Matt Morgan to race into the right of the box.

His unselfish ball inside took out the advancing Gill allowing Matt Martin to score into an empty net.

Wood almost equalised two minutes later but Butlin's a free kick into the top corner was finger tipped onto the bar and away to safety by Hayfield.

An absolute corker of a cup tie that could have gone either way saw Midland Alliance champions elect Tividale march on to face Rushall Olympic.

# Scoreless thanks to fine displays in goal

**Alvechurch 0 Walsall Wood 0**  
**WOOD were feeling the effects of Thursday night's cup tie extra time and struggled at first on a poor, uneven surface but they came into the game as the match wore on.**

Both sides had chances to break the deadlock but poor finishing and good displays in goal from both keepers kept the game goalless.

In the first minute Alvechurch's Connor Deards collected a ball wide right and left his marker for dead. His far post cross was hit first time by Dale Edwards but Rikki Bains made an important block.

Then Lewis Hayden raced clear on the right and found Deards in the box but under pressure he fired over.

Wood's first penetrative attack nearly put them ahead. A lovely one-touch move involving Craig Deakin, Max Black and Lewis Taylor Boyce wide on the right ended with Black releasing Taylor Boyce into the right of the box. He beat the keeper and the far post.

Back came Church with Dale Edwards crossing from the left but Andre Gonzales cut out the ball to deny Jack Cresswell.

After 24 minutes Shawn Boothe broke up a home attack and surged forward over halfway before releasing Joey Butlin into the left of the box but Scott Smith made the block.

Fortune favoured the home side when on 25 minutes Black raced onto a through ball. His low cross shot was touched onto the inside of the right post by keeper Sam Brady and the ball bounced straight back into his hands.

A powerful run into the left of the box by Cresswell saw his low drive well held by Wood keeper Matty

### Football

Coton. Then Cresswell flicked the ball just over the bar under pressure from Bains.

Wood finished the half on top, with Danny Forrest and Jamie Hawkins both firing high. Wood dominated the early exchanges at the start of the second half.

Hawkins got clear wide on the right but his ball into the box was an inch too high for Butlin and he could only glance a header wide. Then a Craig Hancock free kick was pushed away by Brady straight to Forrest, who put a first time effort too high.

Brady made a full length save to deny Butlin's low drive.

Then Bains headed back to Coton to deny Cresswell. Butlin combined with Harry Harris to win a right wing corner, from the flag kick Boothe's header was blocked on the line by Dominic Perkins, the ball bouncing out to Corey Curritthers to hit a rising drive just over.

Both teams had further chances to score but Church finished the stronger. Edwards' goal bound effort was blocked. On 86 minutes Cresswell's lovely ball into the box saw Bains dispossess Chapman before he could shoot. The last action came two minutes later when Deards first time effort well held by Coton.

## Plenty of chances but no goals in draw



**Blyth goalkeeper Conor Grant leaps to defy the Pics attack in an entertaining goalless draw**

**Rushall Olympic 0 Blyth Spartans 0**  
THE Pics were frustrated in a game that ended goalless but was still entertaining, with some good chances at either end not being converted.

Rushall should have took the lead on 12 minutes when James Dance played a ball through for Ahmed Obeng with the goalkeeper off his line but his weak effort was stopped by defender Ryan Cummings.

Then on 26 minutes they should have edged ahead when Dance put in a long free kick and Jack Duggan

stooped to meet it but just headed wide. On 37 minutes he met a Dance cross but put the ball wide.

Five minutes from the break an angled Jimmy Turner drive hit the post. On 44 minutes, Blyth skipper Robert Dale saw a free kick tipped onto the bar by Rushall keeper Chris Gemmell.

The visitors had the better of the opening exchanges in the second half, with Dale crossing for Danny Maguire to nod wide in front of an open net. Still the chances kept coming, this time for the home team with

a Dance half-volley tipped over by Grant and a Liam Spink effort also deflected over the bar.

Gemmell did well to block two Blyth efforts with his legs as both sides toiled in vain for the vital breakthrough.

Blyth could have got it just before the end when they were denied a penalty when Matt Wood brought down Maguire in the box, only to see a free kick given. Dale's effort almost found its way through a ruck of players and into the net.

# Pics' hopes for playoff spot suffer a blow

**Matlock Town 1 Rushall Olympic 1**

RUSHALL Olympic saw their playoff hopes suffer a blow when they conceded a late equaliser and they now have it all to do if they are to make one of those coveted playoff places come the end of the season.

The Pics began the game brightly and had a great chance to take the lead within the first minute when Karl Ashton set up Ahmed Obeng but the youngster's shot was saved at the second attempt by home goalkeeper Jon Kennedy.

The visitors kept on the attack and there was another great opportunity for them on 10 minutes when Obeng, again, raced on to Josh Craddock's header but although he lobbed the advancing keeper, it went wide of the far post.

It was all the visitors at this point and

James Dance drove forward to shoot over and then an excellent three man move came to an end when Craddock's shot was wide and then on 25 minutes a Dance corner found its way into the area and into the path of Jack Duggan who saw his shot go wide.

Little had been seen of the home side as an attacking force but they had loud penalty appeals turned down when Duggan appeared to push Danny Holland, in the penalty area, but fortunately the referee waved play on.

The visitors suffered a blow seven minutes before the break when the influential midfielder Carl Palmer limped off and five minutes before the break a dangerous free kick from Joe Leesley was cleared by Gavin Caines, and with the home side enjoying

their best spell of the game a cross from Shaun Tuton flashed across the six yard box with no home forward able to get a touch.

The Pics were forced into a second change, during the half time interval, and they replaced the injured Matt Wood with Zak Martin, and within two minutes of the restart were ahead.

An excellent long-range pass from Dance, was superbly controlled by Obeng who took a touch and then calmly sidefooted the ball past Kennedy in the home goal. It was no more than the Pics deserved and they searched for a second goal in an effort to kill off the game.

Christian Dacres headed wide and then a long Caines clearance found Obeng who rolled it into the path of Ashton who, after seeing his first shot blocked, blazed the

rebound well over. The Gladiators replied on 56 minutes and were close to an equaliser when a great touch from Tuton set up Corey Gregory who saw his lob beat Chris Gemmell but bounce the wrong side of the post.

With just 13 minutes remaining, and the Pics looking well set for three valuable points disaster struck. Ashton was down receiving treatment for several minutes and when play restarted the home side got back on level terms when a free kick from Leesley was played deep into the visitors half and the ball bounced up for Danny Holland to score with a left foot shot past Gemmell into the bottom corner of the net. The Pic were awarded a free kick on the edge of the area and up stepped Craddock to fire in the free-kick that Kennedy palmed away.

## Khalsa's wings are clipped by Pegasus

**Sporting Khalsa 0 Pegasus Juniors 5**

KHALSA'S undefeated run came crashing down at the Aspray Arena as Pegasus produced a display of high-energy attacking and resolute defending.

Certainly, Khalsa will be disappointed in their performance as it was Khalsa's first league defeat in 14 games but Pegasus simply didn't allow any time to settle and outperformed Khalsa in every department.

The warning signs were there from the start as on just two minutes the visitors took the lead.

Hardly had the game restarted when Pegasus scored a second and it got worse. By the time the referee blew for half-time, the visitors had stormed into a seemingly unassailable 4-0 lead helped, it must be said by a generous Khalsa defence who for some inexplicable reason appeared totally disorganised.

Neither side was helped much by a brisk wind but Pegasus looked to be coping with it better than Khalsa. Within 10 minutes of the restart the visitors were awarded a penalty which was duly dispatched.

To Khalsa's credit, they continued pressing hard.

## Squad keep pride with local derby

**Wolverhampton 20 Willenhall 17**

WILLENHALL came to Castlecroft desperate for points to escape relegation. Wolves were playing for local pride.

With minutes on the clock Alex Jeavons scored a wonderful solo try setting off from his own 10 metre. While the try was a success the attempted conversion failed.

Minutes later captain Ian Harley galloped over from short range. The conversion went just wide.

Then 30 minutes into the half, Willenhall scored.

Wolverhampton responded with Bill Jones scoring.

Shortly later a long penalty driven into the corner, a catch and drive, another seven pointer and Willenhall were only one point behind.

Another five point try from Harley lead to a three point penalty response from Willenhall.

## Bacuna earns Vlaar backing

RON Vlaar is tipping Leandro Bacuna to hit back from his defensive nightmare and urged the critics to go easy.

The Villa skipper insisted the makeshift right-back should not carry the can for the claret and blues' problems at the back.

They have shipped eight goals in two games, losing 4-1 to Stoke and Manchester United, with Bacuna struggling in both, but Vlaar believes the doubters should lay off his fellow Dutchman.

Vlaar said: "He is doing well. It's not easy and he's not even a right full-back originally."

"He is improving and he is doing good work."



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## Smith in call for strikers to fill gap

DEAN SMITH has challenged Walsall's back-up strikers to "step up to the plate" during top scorer Craig Westcarr's suspension.

Westcarr is facing three games out after being dismissed for head butting Shrewsbury's Sam Foley during Saturday's game at the Banks's. The 29-year-old had earlier scored his 15th goal of the season to set the Saddlers on the way to a 1-0 win, which moved them within two points of the top six. But he is now set to miss a vital period as they look to keep their play-off challenge alive.

And after Milan Lalkovic missed Saturday's game with a hamstring injury, Smith says it is up to the likes of Troy Hewitt – who has scored once this term – and Liverpool loanee Michael Ngoo to fill the void. "It's up to others to step up now," said Smith. "Michael has come from Liverpool, there is him and Troy, someone has to come and step up to the plate and hopefully get some goals. I certainly believe in them and I have told that to both of them. They have to step up. It is what they are here for."

Smith confirmed Westcarr will be disciplined internally after his astonishing dismissal, which marred the victory.

## Lockmen take share of spoils

**Wellington Ams 2 W'hall 2**  
WILLENHALL hit back to take a point from Wellington Amateurs and boost their fight to stay in the West Midlands League Premier Division.

However, after leading for an hour, they will be disappointed not to have taken all three. Both sides had gone close before Willenhall took a sixth-minute lead through a Craig Sudlow free-kick. The Ams looked dangerous with two quick strikes but their final touch was poor while the Lockmen went close through Tony Cliff's overhead kick. Michael Clarke's 25-yard effort and a Jake Morgan header.

The home side levelled on 65 minutes through Warren Davies and took the lead with nine minutes left through Jamie King but a late penalty won and converted by Fuller secured the Lockmen a point.

## Mistakes see second successive home defeat

**Walsall 24 Whitchurch 37**

WALSALL'S recent poor form continued with this second successive home defeat.

These performances are in stark contrast to their record breaking run during the middle of the season when they secured 10 successive victories. They made a positive start against their Shropshire opponents and showed glimpses of their attacking capabilities with three well-created tries.

The opening minute saw No8 Dickson make a good run, which was well supported by Weston and Wood. This led to a penalty which Weston dispatched from 25 metres.

### Rugby

The hosts attacked immediately from the restart and good passing put Fearnhead clear for a 40 metre run. But the Whitchurch scrambled defence managed to clear their line. But the errors of the previous week were soon evident again with possession being lost rather too easily. Whitchurch took the lead after seven minutes as they pounced on a loose ball and quick passing resulted in winger Skone crossing near the corner flag. The hosts hit back within two minutes as strong pressure resulted in Matt

Wood intercepting a pass and going over for Walsall's first try.

Whitchurch managed to pierce the home defence on two more occasions during the first half. Lineout possession resulted in Skone crossing for his second and No.8 Bucknall was driven over just before the half time whistle.

The opening 10 minutes of the second half proved crucial as Walsall failed to secure possession or conceded penalties which resulted in further pressure. The visitors scored two tries during this period as Bucknall went over for his second and hooker

Charlesworth supported well to go over near the corner flag.

Full back Chris Mould gave the home team a much-needed boost with a fine solo run for a try from 30 metres. But the visitors made the game safe with a length of the field counter attack which resulted in Skone touching down for his hat-trick.

Nicholas converted two of his team's tries and also kicked a late penalty. Mould and Pittaway made good runs late on for Walsall which helped to create a try for centre Jack Crowhurst. Roger Weston converted all three scores as well as the penalty.

## Pressure on Posh – O'Donnell

WALSALL keeper Richard O'Donnell claims the pressure is now on Peterborough as the League One play-off race enters a critical phase.

The Posh currently occupy the coveted sixth spot and have two games in hand over the chasing pack, with the Saddlers among those sides ready to pounce should they slip up.

Dean Smith's side sits two places and two points behind Darren Ferguson's men in eighth.

Peterborough won the Johnstone's Paint Trophy on Sunday. But O'Donnell believes winning games in hand will be easier said than done.

"They have got to go and win those games and they have had a lot of them in a short space of time," he said.

"They played Sunday and play again on Wednesday. From our point of view, it's hard not to look at the league because that is where we want to be. We took another good step on Saturday towards achieving that."

The weekend victory over Shrewsbury extended Saddlers' unbeaten run to five games and saw them record back-to-back wins for the first time since December.

## Dorrans primed for a key role

PEPE MEL has singled out Graham Dorrans for a key role in Albion's battle for Premier League survival.

It marks a dramatic change of fortunes for the Scotland international.

But the revival of his career has been one of the positive features of the Spanish head coach's reign so far at the Hawthorns.

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# WESTCARR SEES RED FOR BUTTING

**Walsall 1 Shrewsbury 0**

**AT half-time, Craig Westcarr looked most likely to take the headlines. By full-time, they were all his – but for entirely the wrong reasons.**

The striker's fifth-minute goal which decided the game quickly faded into the background on 72 minutes when he rose from the floor, while receiving treatment, to head butt Shrewsbury's Sam Foley.

It was an almost unfathomable act, completely out of keeping with a largely pedestrian game. But it is one which could have telling implications for the remainder of the Saddlers season.

Victory moved Dean Smith's men firmly back into the play-off picture with six games remaining but they must play the next three without their leading man. It remains to be seen whether they can win without him.

### Reckless

Westcarr's sending off never looked like having any serious effect on this game. Shrewsbury, already a man down themselves after Joe Mills had been given his marching orders for a reckless challenge on James Chambers, failed to muster a shot on target in the entire 90 minutes.

But this is not the time of the year to lose your top scorer and particularly a man whose own success has been so entwined with the teams.

It came as no surprise that the end of the 29-year-old's goal drought coincided

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with the halting of the Saddlers' own winless run at Bradford last Tuesday, when he bagged a brace. Smith's side have not lost a game in which Westcarr has scored and Saturday's strike was his 15th of the campaign – more than twice the number of the team's next highest marksman Romaine Sawyers.

And it is not just goals which make him so important. Westcarr is the fulcrum for the attacking play and, on the occasions they have been without his this season, they have looked a lesser team. While it might be said he is not perfectly suited for the centre-forward role, he plays it better than anyone else Smith has at his disposal.

The baton will now most likely pass to Troy Hewitt, who has one solitary goal to his name, or Liverpool loanee Michael Ngoo, who is yet to score and wasted a golden chance to break his duck in stoppage time.

Walsall weren't great but they were more than good enough to see off Shrewsbury.

Smith does have James Baxendale back.



Craig Westcarr of Walsall scores the only goal of the game before being sent off for headbutting an opponent

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